

## U.N. Orders Indonesia Cease-Fire

PARIS (AP)—The U.N. Security Council today ordered an immediate end to the fighting in Indonesia and prompt release of Indonesian leaders captured by Netherlands forces.

The council's Christmas-eve vote on these two issues was seven for and none opposed. Four members abstained.

The council turned down the joint United States-Colombian-Syrian demand for withdrawal of Dutch forces from areas seized since the Netherlands attacked on the Indonesian Republic started Sunday.

Five countries voted for it and none against, but six abstained. Seven votes are needed for passage in the council.

The council order was based on the American-Colombian-Syrian proposal, as amended.

Delegates made their decisions in a series of ballots on separate paragraphs of the three-power project and two Australian-Syrian amendments.

Canada, France, Argentina, Belgium, the Soviet Union and the Soviet Ukraine defeated the withdrawal proposal of the resolution by abstaining. All other council members voted for it. The Ukrainian delegate was not present and the Ukraine accordingly was marked as abstaining on all ballots.

### FOUR ABSTAIN

France, Belgium, Russia and the Ukraine abstained on the proposal to issue the cease-fire order. France, Belgium, Russian and the Ukraine abstained on the proposal to order the release of captured Indonesian leaders, though a Russian resolution had proposed the same thing.

Russia had asked the Security Council to condemn the Netherlands as the aggressor against the Indonesian republic.

Soviet Delegate Jacob A. Malik submitted the resolution, proposing that it be adopted instead of an American-Colombian-Syrian resolution which he termed too lenient.

The Soviet resolutions says the Security Council "condemns the aggression of the Netherlands government, which has again undertaken military action against the Indonesian Republic in violation of the well known Renville (truce) agreement."

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian government does not condone The Netherlands "police action" against the Indonesian republic and considers the military move "deplorable."

This was learned on high authority today but it was also made clear the government does not intend to follow the example of Australia whose United Nations Security Council delegate so bitterly condemned the Netherlands and urged its removal from the U.N.

The government sees The Netherlands action as particularly unfortunate at this time when that country is one of the five western European states attempting to work out with Canada and the United States, a North Atlantic Security Pact at negotiations in Washington.

However, the feeling in high government circles here remains optimistic that the pact will be drafted and signed and ready for submission to legislatures by the end of February.

## Duncan Flier, Wife Rescued From Lake

VANCOUVER (CP)—A planned flight from Duncan to Vancouver ended in near tragedy for D. R. Williston, chief flying instructor for the Duncan Aero Club, and his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Williston were taking off Thursday from Quamichan Lake, near Duncan, when one of the floats of their flying station wagon filled with water. The aircraft turned over on its side, then onto its back.

Watchers on shore saw its two occupants climb onto the upturned pontoons and boats were sent out to rescue them.

However, another plane piloted by Lindsey Loutet reached Mr. and Mrs. Williston first and picked them up.

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Choir boys pictured above are members of the choir of St. John's Anglican Church. Left to right are, top row: Bobby Warren, Robby Hughes and Peter Sharp. Front row: Ian Harvey, Danny Kelway and John Green.

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Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
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The everlasting light;  
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Are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous Gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heaven:  
No ear may hear His coming,  
But in the world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him still,  
The dear Christ enters in.

## All China North Of Yangtze Now Virtually In Communists' Hands

By HAROLD K. MILKS

NANKING (AP)—Write off all of China north of the Yangtze. The Communists have it. The lull in the fighting seems permanent. It appears to be the calm before the peace.

Peiping and Tientsin are jammed with well-fed, well-armed national soldiers. But their withdrawal into those two large cities has ended their active participation in the war. They are as useless as Chiang Kai-shek as the thousands he lost in Manchuria.

A Reuters' dispatch from Tientsin today said government sources claimed Communist besiegers were withdrawing along the northern suburbs of that big industrial city.

These sources claimed the government's forces recovered several points and cavalry units moved towards Yangtze, about 19 miles from here.

A North China trip completed Thursday convinces me that the Nationalist will to fight is completely gone north of the Yangtze. In Peiping and Tientsin a frantic effort to build defences and construct strongpoints apparently is designed to keep troops busy and out of mischief rather than to prepare to meet the Communist troops of Linpiao.

There are repeated instances of national Gen. Futsu's units withdrawing into the large cities without even making contact with the Communists. In one instance a local commander, well installed for defence in an area outside of Peiping, received the surprising order, "You are being attacked by Communists. Withdraw immediately."

Puzzled, he complied. Three days later there still was no sign of Communists in the area he formerly held. On the Communist side, too, there appears reluctance to force the fighting in the north. Lin Piao and other high commanders evidently prefer to await desertions from the Peiping and Tientsin garrisons rather than to fight into the cities. Peiping is filled with historical treasures and the other commercial and industrial prizes.

Chinese and foreigners alike in north China do not question that the Communists will take over both cities. The only question is when—and the majority seem hopeful that it will be soon in order to save the people such suffering as the people of Mukden endured before it fell.

Charge Of Murder Laid At Winnipeg In Flatiron Slaying

WINNIPEG (CP)—A charge of murder will be laid against Steve Bodnarichuk, 36-year-old Transcona, Man., truck driver, in connection with the flatiron slaying late Saturday of 51-year-old Metro Manek at his north-end Winnipeg home.

A coroner's jury brought in this verdict Thursday night at the inquest held in central police station, under provincial coroner I. O. Fryer.

Manek, a tannery employee and part-time tailor, was found sprawled near the doorway of his two-room tenement home, his head cut in several places and bathed in blood.

Neighbors, hearing sounds of the struggle which took place in Manek's front room, notified police who arrived at the scene shortly before midnight Saturday. Manek died about an hour later.

A blood-stained flatiron, which police said was used unmercifully to beat Manek about the head and face, was found a few feet from the body. Dr. Fryer had said death was caused by severe head injuries and internal hemorrhage.

Seven witnesses were heard at the inquest, including Clara Tait, 28, of Winnipeg, over whose affections the brawl allegedly occurred, and John Manek, 12-year-old son of the victim, who witnessed his father's death. Welfare officials are now caring for the boy.

## B.C. Mainland, California Face Rare White Yuletide

VANCOUVER (CP)—Last-minute shoppers, preparing for the first white Christmas since 1937, rushed through a frost-laden fog here today.

It was the coldest day since Dec. 17, 1924, with the mercury dropping to 9.4 degrees above zero at 8.30 a.m. The Tuesday reading was 8 above.

The fog-blanket was not heavy, and did not impede traffic, but icy roadways brought a series of minor car mishaps. No one was seriously hurt.

The weather man revised his forecast for Christmas Eve snow. It will be clear and "very cold" but no snow is predicted.

The cold wave was general over British Columbia with Cranbrook, in the interior, reporting 18 below zero.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A white Christmas is in prospect for sections of California where snow hasn't been seen in years. It snowed in patches along the coast Thursday and more was on the way today.

The weather bureau forecast showers for Christmas in the lowlands and snow in the Sierra Nevada. But the sagging temperatures of the last two days could bring snow generally if they persist.

The first pre-Christmas snow in 25 years fell at Beaumont, near Los Angeles.

Fresno, in the interior San Joaquin Valley, had its first snow in 11 years and shivered in 32-degree cold.

In Southern California, heavy hailstorms whitened streets in Compton, Santa Monica and Long Beach.

### Next Times Tuesday

Christmas Day (Saturday) and Boxing Day (Monday) being statutory holidays, will be recognized by the Daily Times. The next regular edition of this paper will be issued on Tuesday.

## Whole Royal Family To Spend Christmas Buckingham Palace

LONDON (CP)—The King and Queen will have their whole family around them at Buckingham Palace Saturday—the first Christmas they have spent in London since their coronation in 1937.

The usual Christmas at the royal lodge at Sandringham, in Norfolk, had to be abandoned when doctors advised the king not to travel.

Around the friendly fireside at the palace there will be the usual exchange of Yuletide gifts and a Christmas tree for the children. Princess Elizabeth, Prince Philip, and their infant son, Prince Charles, will be there, with Princess Margaret, Queen Mary, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, the Duchess of Kent and their children.

For Princess Alexandra of Kent it will be a special occasion for Christmas day is her birthday and this year she will be 12.

The first thing Christmas morning the children will discover from their stockings that Santa Claus has penetrated even the new "fool-proof" burglar alarm system installed at the palace.

The fact that four generations of her family will be represented at the palace party will make it a particularly joyous occasion for the silver-haired Queen Mary who has been very active these last two weeks procuring suitable gifts for her grandchildren and her newly-arrived great grandson—the six-weeks old prince.

## Alexander Sends Greetings To King

OTTAWA (CP)—The Governor-General today sent the King and Queen a message of Christmas greetings on behalf of the Canadian people, including a wish for "complete restoration" of the King's health.

The message follows: "With my humble duty, on behalf of the people of Canada, I send to Your Majesty and to Her Majesty the Queen our most respectful greetings for Christmas and the New Year together with sincere wishes for complete restoration of Your Majesty's health."

# B.C. Dairy Act Bars Sale Of Margarine Here

## Egyptians Claim Attack Repulsed In Palestine

CAIRO (AP)—Egyptians said today they have repulsed a Jewish land, sea and air attack against Egyptian positions in southern Palestine.

"The enemy paid dearly for its aggression, suffering heavy losses," the ministry of war announced.

The ministry said the action started Tuesday and wound up Wednesday afternoon, with Jewish forces in retreat under "repeated and concentrated blows inflicted by our forces."

(A United Nations' report from Haifa Thursday night indicated a full-fledged Israeli offensive was under way, perhaps with the aim of forcing the Egyptians to talk peace or to hurl them back across their own frontier.)

PARIS (AP)—Egypt formally notified the United Nations Security Council today of renewed fighting in the Negev area of Palestine and asked the council to examine what it called "flagrant violations" of the truce by Israeli forces.

Syrian delegate Faris El Kohouri demanded an immediate hearing of the complaint.

The council voted down his request for a Palestine session this afternoon and may meet Monday to consider Egypt's complaint.

The cable said Israeli forces "unleashed an aerial attack Dec. 22 on Egyptian airbases at El Arra, Rafa and on Khan Yunis and have bombarded these regions."

## Shipping Companies Grant Longshoremen 13-Cent Increase

OTTAWA (CP)—Settlement of wage negotiations between Canadian shipping companies and the 3,000 men in the International Longshoremen's Association was announced today by Labor Minister Mitchell.

A general wage increase of 13 cents an hour was provided in the agreement, negotiated through the mediation of H. R. Pettigrew of Fredericton, N.B., labor department conciliation official for the maritimes.

The increase brings general cargo rates to \$1.38 an hour for day work and \$1.48 for night work. Bulk cargo rates are \$1.48 and \$1.58.

A minimum of three hours' wages will be paid men ordered out after 7 p.m. on weekdays, except in certain cases. Double time will be paid for work Saturday afternoon and night between May 1 and Dec. 31. The remainder of the year, the pay will be time and one-half in those hours.

## \$50,000 Damage In Yarmouth Fire

YARMOUTH, N.S. (CP)—Fire of undetermined origin which broke out in a shoe store today caused \$50,000 damage and left several families homeless. Shane's shoe store, the T. Eaton Company order office and Epton store apartments were gutted in the mid-town business block.

## \$16,000 Loss In City Store Fire

City Fire Chief Robert T. Brindie reported today that the loss in the Pritchard and Sons clothing store, 1227 Government St., fire Thursday night is estimated at \$16,000. Damage to stock featured the bill, the building damage being estimated at \$1,000.

See story "Clothing Store," page 5.

Despite the Supreme Court ruling lifting the ban on sale and manufacture of margarine, the butter substitute cannot appear on the shelves of British Columbia stores.

This startling development in one of the country's most talked-about issues in recent years, was made known today by Attorney-General Gordon S. Wismer in a telephone call from Vancouver.

Mr. Wismer said it was found, on study of B.C. statutes that the B.C. Dairy Act of 1935 is the stumbling block.

He would not say what plans may be in mind to overcome the difficulty.

The B.C. act dovetailed with the Federal Dairies Industry Act. It adopted the provisions of the Dominion act in so far as they applied to the province.

The ruling of the Supreme Court does not invalidate the provincial act.

Mr. Wismer explained that in 1935 the legislature ruled that provisions of the Federal Dairy Industries Act should apply in this province. This is the Dominion act that covered the margarine ban.

Since it was decided by the Supreme Court that this provision is beyond the power of the federal parliament, it is automatic that the provincial law holds good.

The provincial act provides that any clause in the federal act may be waived by the provincial government under order-in-council.

Small sales of margarine have been made since the Dominion ban was lifted, but there has been no general sale in the province.

# Canada To Recognize Israel Says Pearson

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada today gave provisional recognition to Israel and to its government in a Christmas-eve message to Moshe Shertok, Foreign Secretary of the new Jewish State in the Holy Land.

External Affairs Minister Pearson announced the action at the press conference. He said the possibility of an exchange of diplomatic missions had not yet been considered.

Canada becomes the 19th country to recognize the Jewish state, created and proclaimed May 15, 1948, following the November, 1947, resolution of the United Nations on partitioning Palestine.

Mr. Pearson, in a prepared statement, said that in the seven months since Israel came into existence the state had "given satisfactory proof that it complies with the essential conditions of statehood."

These essentials, the statement said, "are generally recognized to be external independence and effective internal government within a reasonably well-defined territory."

Practical effect of the recognition will be to enable the Canadian government now to correspond or otherwise deal with the government of Israel on a formal basis, recognize Israel passports, enter into trade negotiations and other international relations.

Mr. Pearson said the recognition decision was made some days ago, but not announced until the customary practice of notifying other Commonwealth governments of the proposed action had been completed.

The following countries already have recognized Israel, in the order in which they gave recognition:

The United States, Guatemala, Russia, Uruguay, Nicaragua, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, South Africa, Hungary, Finland, Rumania, Costa Rica, Panama, Venezuela, Paraguay, San Salvador and Bulgaria.

Canada has been considering recognition of Israel for some time and when Mr. Pearson returned from the Paris meeting of the United Nations' General Assembly he reported to the first cabinet meeting on his feelings about the new Jewish state.

He reported that Israel was operating reasonably well within the boundaries laid down in the partition resolution and that it was a country and government likely to continue.

The decision was also influenced by the fact that Israel had accepted the United Nations' conciliation commission proposal and would work with it toward an effort to establish peace and define boundaries. If Israel had not accepted the conciliation proposal the Canadian recognition might not have come at this time.

Meanwhile, in Kansas City, Mo., President Truman's air force aide referred back to the air force at Washington a plea by a 36-year-old pilot that he be allowed to undertake the rescue of the marooned fliers.

Roy Lamoreaux, a bush pilot from Casper, Wyo., told Brig. Gen. Robert B. Landry he would take the fliers off the Greenland cap in his small one-engine plane equipped with skis, if the air force will say the word.

Second Bomb In 17 Days Blasts Havana Building

HAVANA (AP)—A makeshift bomb exploded Thursday in the health ministry building and caused some damage. Nobody was hurt. It was the second bombing reported within 17 days.



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## Central And South America Kept In Turmoil

By DAVID A. STEIN  
The invasion of Costa Rica is another in the series of revolutions, plots, counterplots and conspiracies that have kept Central and South America in turmoil throughout 1948.

Last May a military junta headed by Jose Figueres resolved a dispute over the presidency of Costa Rica by taking over the reins of government. Figueres supported Otilio Ulate, whose election was declared void by a lame-duck Congress favoring Rafael A. Calderon Guardia, the government candidate. Calderon Guardia crossed over from Nicaragua into Costa Rica, according to reports, as leader of a band of political exiles and Nicaraguan national guardsmen. Figueres, who has been feuding with Nicaragua's war minister and strong man, Gen. Anastasio Somoza, immediately protested to the United Nations Security Council and the Council of the Organization of American States, invoking the Rio de Janeiro Treaty of Hemispheric Defense.

**GOVERNMENTS GO UNDER**  
Revolutions also toppled the governments of Venezuela, Peru and Paraguay. Plots, counterplots and charges of conspiracy stirred 11 countries — Bolivia, Colombia, Panama, Argentina, Nicaragua, Cuba, Honduras, Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Chile and Brazil.

Clashing personalities in perennial conflict for power, the influence of military cliques, and economic unrest because of widespread inflation have been major factors in the disturbances. Here, country by country, is the history of the coups and attempted seizures of government reins:

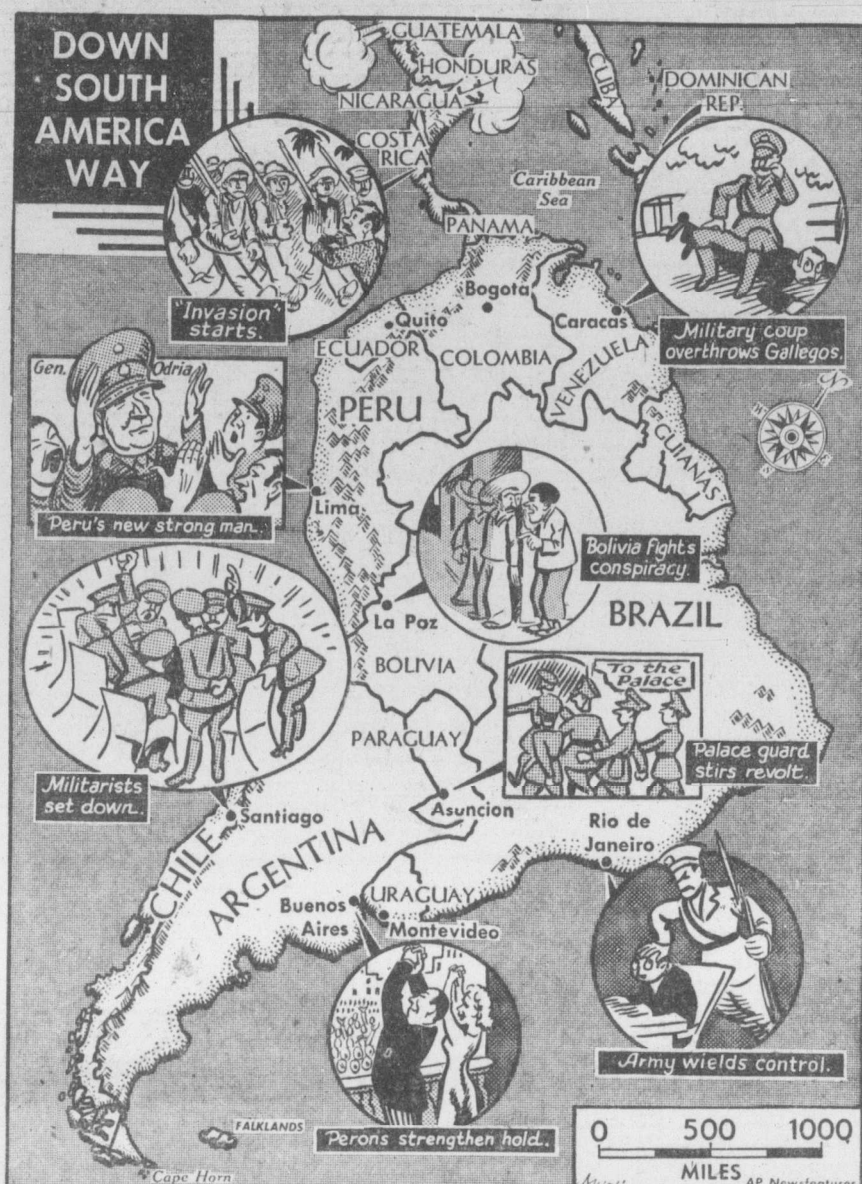
**VENEZUELA** — A military junta chased President Romulo Gallegos out of office, declaring that his administration was bankrupting the country. President of the military group, who took over the government in a bloodless revolution, is Carlos Delgado Chalbaud. From exile in Cuba, Gallegos charged that big business and foreign oil interests brought on the coup which overthrew him on Nov. 24. Revolutionists dissolved the Congress and state legislatures.

**BLOODLESS REVOLUTION**  
**PERU** — Short, stocky Brig. Gen. Manuel A. Odría became provisional president after a three-day bloodless revolt which overthrew President Jose Luis Bustamante on Oct. 31. The military junta which he heads promised a "restoration of democracy" through a general election. Odría had been a member of Bustamante's cabinet as minister of government and police to investigate the assassination of Francisco Grana Garland, rightist newspaper editor. His investigation implicated members of the leftist Apristas, and he engineered his coup because of his dissatisfaction with Bustamante's failure to prosecute them.

**PARAGUAY** — Although the army figured in it, an abortive October revolt against Natalicio Gonzalez — which failed after a day of street fighting — has been described as a palace guard affair within the ruling Colorado party. This attempted coup, like the June revolt which ousted Gen. Higinio Morinigo from the presidency, was led by Col. Carlos Montanaro.

**MILITARY LODGES EXTINCT**  
**BOLIVIA** — A "military lodge," similar to secret cliques reported to exist also in Argentina, Paraguay and Peru, has been reported to be conspiring with an ultra-rightist nationalist movement to overthrow the government. President Enrique Hertzog declared a state of siege in October. Most of the lodges, now supposedly extinct, have been described as anti-United States.

**COLOMBIA** — Bloodshed and ruin marked the abortive April



revolt at Bogota during the Inter-American Conference. Anarchy, fire, death and destruction followed the assassination of Jorge E. Gaitan. Gaitanista Liberals failed in their attempted revolution when the army remained loyal. Conservative President Ospina Perez charged Communist leadership in the riots.

**PANAMA** — Former President Arnulfo Arias has been reported in August to be plotting an armed invasion from Costa Rica. Although he denied the charges, Panama police claimed on Oct. 25 that they had uncovered a plot against the new regime of President Domingo Diaz Arosemena.

### SUCCEEDS HIMSELF

**ARGENTINA** — Peronists won about two-thirds of the seats in a constitutional election Dec. 5. Partisans of President Juan Peron promptly announced their support of a change in the nation's laws to permit their leader to succeed himself in office. During the campaign, 14 persons were arrested on charges of plotting to kill Peron and his actress wife Eva.

**Nicaragua** — Reports of a Caribbean Legion whose avowed intention is to overthrow his government have led Gen. Anastasio Somoza, war minister and actual ruler of the country, to strengthen his national guard. Somoza's uncle, Dr. Victor Roman Reyes, is president. The Legionnaires are described as Dominican, Nicaraguan and Honduran political exiles and mercenaries, and their number is estimated at 300 to 400.

**CUBA** — The Dominican Republic has charged that Cubans, conspiring with Venezuelans and Dominican political exiles, are plotting against its government.

The plotters are described as Communists.

### STILL STRONG MAN

**HONDURAS** — Tiburcio Carias is still considered strong man of the country, despite the fact that he will step down from the presidency in January, to be succeeded by Juan Manuel Galvez. He has been reported to have made a pact with Nicaragua's General Somoza and the Dominican Republic's President Trujillo against the Caribbean Legion.

**GUATEMALA** — Fourteen conspiracies against his government in four years have been charged by President Juan Jose Arevalo. The latest was a Nov. 29 plot to seize the military base at Puerto Barrios, Guatemala's chief seaport, according to government reports.

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** — President Rafael Leonidas Trujillo has alleged plots against him in such widely separated places as Cuba, Venezuela and the Central Americas. He is feuding with Venezuela in a war of nerves. The Venezuelans

charge Trujillo with sheltering exiles from their old regime, and have reported that the Dominican Republic has purchased \$7,000,000 worth of arms from Brazil. Brazil denied the report.

### CHILE'S TROUBLES

**CHILE** — At least 10 army officers are under arrest, accused of conspiring in a plot "inspired in Argentina." Foreign Minister German Riesco has asked Argentina to recall its first embassy secretary.

**BRAZIL** — President Eurico Gaspar Dutra, an army general and former chief of staff, has been watchful of suspected Communist intrigue. Ringed on all sides by neighbors whose governments have faced plots, coups, and states of siege, he has avoided dramatic change by keeping a firm grip on the reins of government.

## Drama Critic Dies Of Heart Ailment

TORONTO (CP) — Roly Young, 45-year-old movie and drama critic of the Toronto Globe and Mail, died early today of a heart ailment.

A producer as well as a writer of theatrical copy, he wrote, produced and toured with "Chins Up" during the Second World War. Later he produced "Funky Side Up," starring the English comedienne, Ella Shields.

In the winter of 1942 Mr. Young helped Anna Neagle and Herbert Wilcox, English actor and director, present "Celebrity Parade" for the Air Cadet League in a trans-continental tour. In the capacity of stage manager he supervised the physical side of the production in the Victoria Theatre here and traveled with it east to Montreal and then to Victoria.

### Former Actress Dead

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Lora Rogers, 74, an actress for more than 50 years, died here Thursday. She joined a stock company in Kansas City when she was 16, played in stock, on the New York stage, and in touring shows until her retirement in 1941.

### LANGFORD LEGION

LANGFORD — Women's Auxiliary and Prince Edward Legion members will welcome children of veterans of both wars and their parents on Wednesday night at 8 in the club rooms.



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## Power Commission Acquires Island Utilities System

The British Columbia Power Commission will take over the Vancouver Island Utilities Ltd. Jan. 1, S. R. Weston, chairman of the three-man government-sponsored power organization, announced today.

Acquisition of the 25-cycle distribution system serving more than 800 customers in Campbell River, Campbellton and Merville, together with the taking over of the distribution system of Courtenay April 1, will mean that the commission will be in a position to consolidate the electrical supply on Vancouver Island from Royston to Campbell River.

Price to be paid for the company's assets is \$129,000.

Since the opening of the John Hart Development at Campbell River a little over a year ago, the Campbell River and District Board of Trade has urged the commission to make 60-cycle power available to the area.

Mr. Weston said today it will be some time—probably a few months—before the change-over from 25 to 60-cycle energy will be completed. It will be necessary for residents to change electrical appliances.

At present, Vancouver Island Utilities purchases power from the Putledge plant of Canadian Collieries (D) Ltd.

Expropriation is a result of a request on the part of the private utility company. Authorization was obtained from the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.

The move leaves only two private electrical properties on the island north of Cobble Hill, the distribution systems of Ladysmith and the Lake Cowichan Electric Company.

In 1945, the Nanaimo-Duncan Utilities was taken over. In 1947, electrical properties of the Royston Electric Company, the Cumberland Electric Lighting Company and the Parksville-Qualicum and Alberni district systems of National Utilities Ltd. all were expropriated. The latter company is a B.C. Electric subsidiary.

Power for the Campbell River district will come directly from the John Hart dam over a 13,200-volt primary line. For the

Courtenay, Cumberland and Royston districts, it will be necessary to erect a substation to handle power from the 132,000-volt transmission line between the dam and Nanaimo.

Conversion to 60-cycle operation in the latter districts will be deferred until transformers and other control equipment for the substation can be obtained.

### TO MEET COUNCILS

Mr. Weston said that the commission plans to meet the municipal councils and representatives of the boards of trade in the affected up-island areas with a view to discussing the problems of conversion.

The new acquisition will boost the number of customers served by the B.C. Power Commission, now three years and eight months old, to more than 30,000.

New subscribers, for the most part in rural areas, are expected to increase the total to over 35,000 by the end of 1949.

## Ottawa May Sue Western Bakeries If Provinces Agree

OTTAWA (CP)—A Justice Department spokesman Thursday night said the department was ready to give consideration to the prosecution of five western bakeries and two trade associations for alleged price-fixing practices.

The case would be brought before Justice Minister Garson if all three provinces involved—British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Alberta—agreed.

So far the Justice Department has only the agreement for such action of the Saskatchewan Attorney-General, J. W. Cornan.

Only if the other two provinces agree, can the federal government give consideration to the prosecution of the companies and associations involved, the spokesman said.

Otherwise, under the British North America Act, the question of prosecution must rest with the administrative law officer in each of the provinces.

## Quints For Christmas



Five stockings and five Christmas-gift puppies—two with tails, three without. When this photo was taken they were at the Humane Society in Windsor, Ont., waiting to delight a small boy's heart on Christmas morning. Half collie and half Spitz, three have the urge to wag their tails but lack the mechanism.—(CP Photo).

### Vision Impaired



Dr. Lloyd Smith, 26, above, is one of five nuclear physicists going blind as a result of exposure to fast neutrons emitted by atom smashers. Dr. Smith is on the staff of the University of California, Berkeley.—NEA Telephoto.

Mrs. Kate Rasmussen, 70, of 175 Olive Street, was taken to Jubilee Hospital Thursday night complaining of an injury to her right side, as a result of an accident on Pandora Avenue east of Fernwood Road last night. She was a passenger in the car driven by her husband, Theodore Rasmussen, which was in collision with a car driven by George M. Rogers, 1502 Jubilee Avenue, city police report.

### Tetanus Victim

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont. (CP) Robert Arnold, 40, died Thursday night of tetanus (lockjaw). He became ill after running a sifter into one of his hands a week ago while working in the garage at his new home.

### Viola Berrow Best Drill Team Member

Viola Berrow was named best all-round member of the Victoria Girls' Drill Team for the year 1948 at the annual prize-giving ceremony held Thursday night in the Bay Street Armories. Miss Berrow received 790 points out of a possible 800.

Second-place honors were taken by Luville McBurney, who received 760 points for her year's work. Joyce Cruickshanks, Eileen McBurney and Ruth Boyd tied for third place, each with 740 points.

Pat Smith took fourth prize and Amy Koller won fifth prize. Tied for sixth place honors were Joey Tessaro and June Short. Doreen Thorpe, Alma Horan, Jamie Crisfield, Peggy Gillies, Vickie Hickman, Valerie McAllister and Roberta Renfrew had equal standings to share seventh-place honors.

The prize-giving ceremony coincided with the birthday of the team's founder and director, Norman Foster, and members of the team honored him with the presentation of a large birthday cake.

Mr. Foster briefly reviewed the team's activities during the past year and announced there were now six vacancies, which needed filling.

### Leaps To Death



Laurence Duggan, above, plunged to his death from his office window in New York after being named as one of the former U.S. officials who passed secret information to ex-Communist Whit-taker Chambers.

### Weather

Weather synopsis and official forecast issued at 9 a.m., Dec. 24, by the Dominion public weather office at Vancouver, valid until midnight Saturday:

Synopsis—The weather system that has been threatening the B.C. coast for the past two days has moved southward and will affect the Oregon coast today. Increasing cloudiness will develop over the lower mainland and Georgia Straits regions tomorrow.

Vancouver and vicinity lower Fraser Valley, Georgia Strait—Clear today and tonight. Cloudy tomorrow. Few fog patches in low areas overnight and tomorrow morning. Wind light. Continuing very cold. Low tonight and high tomorrow Vancouver airport 15 and 35, Abbotsford 15 and 35, Nanaimo 23 and 38.

Victoria and vicinity—Clear today. Cloudy tomorrow. Wind northeasterly 15. Continuing cold. Low tonight and high tomorrow Victoria 30 and 38.

Straits of Georgia—Clear, becoming overcast with intermittent snow this afternoon. Overcast with snowflurries tomorrow. Southeast winds 15 occasionally reaching 25 this afternoon and tonight. Continuing cold. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Nanaimo 32 and 38.

	Mile.	Max.	Precip.
Montreal	2	29	
Toronto	9	30	
North Bay	8	30	
Port Arthur	4		
Kenora	11		
Winnipeg	12	2	
Brandon	21	32	
The Pas	21	3	
Regina	19	5	
Saskatoon	19	3	
Prince Albert	13		
North Battleford	3	6	
Swift Current	3	11	
Medicine Hat	7	21	
Lethbridge	6	27	
Calgary	0	27	
Edmonton	2	18	
Kamloops	14		
Penticton	15	26	
Vancouver	15	21	
Victoria	31	37	
Cranbrook	19	4	
Crescent Valley	1	23	
Prince Rupert	32	40	1.12
Princeton	12	21	
Seattle	18	36	
Portland	31	39	
San Francisco	39	47	
Los Angeles	29	53	
New York	24	36	
Spokane	9	16	
Whitehorse	8	24	.64

Charge of dangerous driving against Gurdetta Singh was dismissed by Magistrate H. C. Hall in Saanich police court Thursday afternoon. He appeared for judgment on a charge which arose from an accident on Oct. 15.

## 15 Top-Ranking Suspects Of Jap War Crimes Freed

TOKYO (AP)—A surprise amnesty order freed 15 high-ranking Japanese war-crime suspects this Christmas Eve.

Gen. MacArthur let them out of Sugamo prison, where Hideki Tojo and six other top war criminals were hanged only a few hours earlier. The amnesty order cleared 19 names, leaving only two major war-crimes defendants, who are now on trial.

Three of those freed were members of Tojo's "Pearl Harbor" cabinet. Two others joined his cabinet later in the war, and two more served in previous Japanese cabinets.

Shunmei Okawa, who slapped Tojo on his bald head at the beginning of the war crimes trials, was included. The propagandist is in an insane asylum where he has been since charges against him were dropped in 1946.

The amnesty order extended posthumously to Hayao Tada, former commander-in-chief of the Japanese armies in China who died Dec. 16 and Kumataro Honda, former ambassador to China who died two days later.

The 19th man—Yakichiro Ama—remained under house arrest. Once spokesman for the foreign offices, he served as ambassador to Madrid between 1940 and 1946.

### HELD THREE YEARS

Most of the 15 who walked out of Sugamo had been imprisoned three years awaiting trial on war crimes charges. They were among a large number of so-called major suspects arrested early in the occupation. Twenty-eight originally were accused of war crimes.

The parade from Sugamo included these members of Tojo's

## Mattress Co. Plans \$7,000 Warehouse

City building inspector issued a permit to the Victoria Bed and Mattress Company today for erection of a warehouse at 776 Topaz Avenue to cost \$7,000.

According to the application for permit, the building will be a frame construction with concrete floors.

A permit was also issued to O. K. Archibald for erection of a house at 860 Madison Street, to cost \$7,500.

Pearl Harbor cabinet—Nobusuke Kishi, commerce minister; Michio Iwamura, justice minister; and Ken Terashima, communications minister. Kisaburo Ando, who later became Tojo's home minister, and Kazuo Aoki, who was named greater east Asia minister in 1943, also were released.

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## **THIS HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

BRITISH COLUMBIANS IN GENERAL and Vancouver Islanders in particular have every reason to be joyful as they prepare to welcome another Christmas Day. In this highly-favored section of the vast North American Continent our people have a great deal for which to be genuinely thankful. From time to time, of course, certain climatic vagaries plague some communities on the mainland. Tragic floods in the early spring left serious economic dislocations in their wake. It will require a substantial passage of time to repair the damage—material and psychological—and prudent planning by government agencies. Much of this latter already is in hand. But none can control those events which, as insurance policies emphatically specify, are "acts of God."

All this notwithstanding, however, this last great frontier province of Confederation is on the threshold of expansion—culturally, economically, and from the standpoint of population. Because of the latter consideration, moreover, it is permissible to predict, without the aid of Gallup or other samplings of public opinion, another decade of new and profitable adventure. But unless the rising generation of British Columbia absorbs the spirit and enthusiasm of those gallant souls of another day—the men and women who hacked homes out of the wilderness and fashioned farms out of the virgin soil—the heritage which rightly belongs to our people cannot be fully realized. Our young men and our young women, surely, will not fail those who will not be here to witness the realization of the province's ultimate destiny.

Some of the foregoing sentiments may qualify for the platitudinous. Repetition, however, often has merit. Who will question the spiritual injunction of this season? None but the illogical, the mentally blind, the worshipper at the shrine of stubborn materialism, will revolt against the appeal inherent in the historic significance of the Yuletide festival. It is with these thoughts in mind that we suggest to our compatriots—no matter in what part of a land which stretches from sea to sea they may reside—that they rise tomorrow morning and thank the Great Architect of the Universe for the many blessings they enjoy. Theirs will be a happy Christmas if they begin their day on that note.

## **THEY MUST PULL TOGETHER**

IN THESE DAYS OF UNEASY PEACE ON many fronts, the return to work of city carpenters yesterday furnishes grounds for hopes of closer industrial harmony in Greater Victoria. The public, no less than the contractors and the union members themselves, will have drawn some satisfaction from the fact that the workmen will have pay for at least a day or two before Christmas and will be in a position to earn wages for the remainder of this year. They can, moreover, keep working for a considerable time under the interim arrangements just made. But the fact remains that substantial differences continue between the contractors and the men. These eventually must be reconciled if stability is to be achieved.

The process of working out a new agreement calls for earnest effort and realistic thought. Basically, of course, both employer and employee recognize the interdependence of their relationships. The strike has brought that home to each. The carpenters, it is estimated, will require a month's work to make up through their wage increases the actual earnings which they lost during each day of work stoppage. On the other hand, contractors cannot make money or acquire the funds to meet their overhead when projects are at a standstill. Unless harmony prevails, business will shrink. Contractors cannot make firm bids on jobs if they are unable to determine what conditions may be demanded from them by labor. By another token, they recognize the fact that although employment has been virtually continuous for construction men during the last few years, an eventual slackening in building demands will re-emphasize the seasonal nature of construction workers' employment. Both, moreover, are, or should be, aware of the fact that home building is now so expensive that it has priced itself out of the market for many who need houses.

These basic points should be determining factors in negotiations for any new agreement. Of course each side has the ability to injure the other; but there is little value in cutting off one's nose to spite one's face. It is admitted, moreover, that attitudes after a strike are frequently colored by the resentments and unfriendliness which these disruptions of personal economy create. It should be apparent, however, that the present is no time for a stiff-backed approach to agreement. The contractors and the construction workers have a joint task before them to assure some measure of stability in an industry which has been riding high on a war and postwar prosperity wave. They are not entirely masters of their own destinies. General economic conditions will be a decisive influence on their future. But they do have the opportunity to chart a course which can avoid many of the dangers which will be empha-

sized if serious frictions develop within the construction business. Each side must look to the days ahead and in the long range view, immediate advantage will not necessarily bulk as large as considered policy for the protection of an industry which extends its influences throughout the entire community. The opportunity is afforded to re-examine some of the traditional dogmas of labor and management and to discard in the interests of both those that are obsolete.

## **THE HOLY LAND**

THE ANOMALY OF LAST CHRISTMAS, when armed men fought in the Holy Land and made a visit to the shrines of Jerusalem a perilous adventure, is being repeated this year although not to the same extent. We are told that the present situation in Palestine is that of a "fitful truce," broken at frequent intervals by armed skirmishes, bombings and other clashes between the Jewish and Arab forces. The outright warfare of a year ago does not prevail, but by no stretch of the expression can it be said that peace exists in that land of so many religious connotations.

It is natural each year at this season that the world should look to Palestine and the places made familiar in Biblical history for an indication of the Christian spirit. The story of Bethlehem, which we celebrate tomorrow, makes that part of the earth's surface a focal point of reverent interest and attention. Yet it is hard to reconcile the roar of guns and the clank of engines of war with the Christian precepts that are inextricably bound up with that land. We tend to measure the peace of the world, at any rate during this season, by the degree of harmony and tranquillity prevailing in those sacred places. This year, as last, it provides an accurate reflection of the general state of the world. Warfare, cold or hot, engages the minds of most inhabitants of the globe today. May Christmas a year hence dawn on a world nearer in spirit to its principles and guiding light.

## **'BERT' MATHEWS**

NUMEROUS LARGE ORGANIZATIONS in this and other countries owe much of their progressive spirit to some about whom the public knows little or nothing. These are the officials whose business acumen is given full rein behind the scenes; they do much of the planning; and, by the way, if anything goes wrong, they invariably get the blame. In the general course of events, however, their mistakes are few. And they take the frailties of human nature in their stride.

We offer no apology for this brief introduction to the announcement that Mr. Herbert F. Mathews is about to retire from the service of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. For more than half a century he has served this great institution, beginning his climb up the ladder of success as a youngster, and since 1933 he has been general manager of the company's entire hotel system.

In the final analysis, of course, if a patron has complained of a cold plate or a tough steak, his has been the job to explain such culinary shortcomings. One can readily imagine the nature of some of the problems which have confronted him. But, as Mr. Mathews contemplates a well-earned respite from his manifold woes, he should be able to sit back and say to all the world that he did his best. No man can do more than that. Those who have been permitted to know him personally as "Bert" will wish him good health and many years of contentment.

## **IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT**

GREATER VICTORIANS IN GENERAL, and those whose municipal entities have joined in forming the water board in particular, will appreciate fully the importance of obtaining a first class man for the post of commissioner for the recently-created authority in charge of this vital service. It comes, therefore, with some satisfaction to our citizens that Mr. Ralph Davis, young assistant Victoria water commissioner, has been selected for that position.

The new appointee, of course, has spent a great deal of time studying the needs of the community in respect to water service. He is familiar with the sources of supply, the distribution networks and other details of the service which is known to most consumers only in relation to their ability to turn on a tap and receive an adequate quantity under satisfactory pressure. Moreover, his qualifications as an expert in the field have satisfied the members of the board in charge of administration. His duties will not be simple. Many problems are posed in meeting the needs of the community. However, as Mr. Davis enters his new field of activity, on a probationary basis, citizens may be assured that he will give of his best.

## **NOTES**

The only place where prophets can't go wrong about an election is Russia.

The leopard can't change its spots, but something could be done for a boarding house tablecloth.

History teaches tolerance. When you learn that people have been acting the same way for 5,000 years, you don't expect so much.

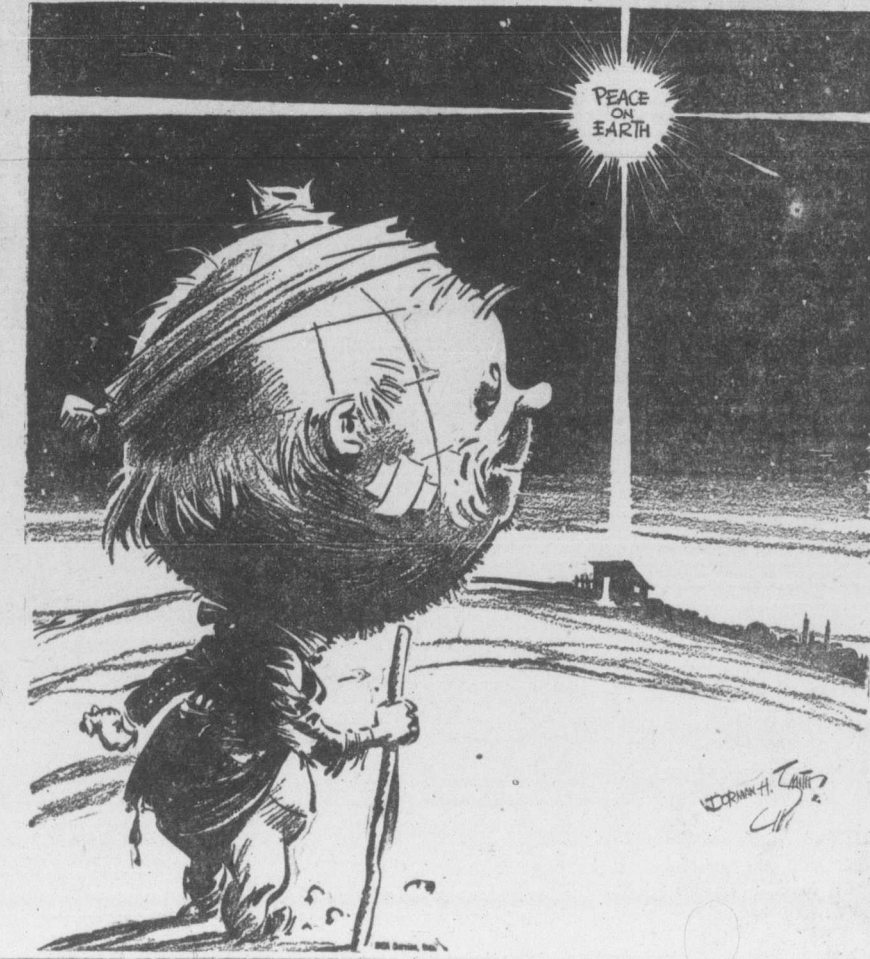
Every woman would like to have a new house. The next best thing is to move the furniture so she can scarcely recognize the old one.

Many people can be heroic for a moment, but the Carnegie Fund should not overlook the ordinary guy who feeds and clothes a family and stays out of debt.

## **Wishful Thinking**

THE TIME has come, as we believe, To speak our piece for Christmas Eve; To greet our friends, ere we retire, And welcome those we most admire, And even to address a few. Whose company we might eschew On some occasion less sublime Than good old friendly Christmas time. So to our list we now repair To see what names are written there: Our special praises loudly ring For W. L. Mackenzie King, May Christmas joy and Christmas cheer Be with him yet for many a year. To Louis St. Laurent our best Joyeux Noel is now expressed. Bob Mayhew gets our choicest wishes For looking after all the fishes. Our faces light up like a Ronson At thought of Premier Byron Johnson. May he enjoy a great success In coping with our business; And may Herb Anscomb find the money To keep our prospects looking sunny. Gordon Wismer is also here As one to whom the law is dear. May Winston Churchill have a day By Yuletide's friendly touch made gay. Of Joseph Stalin we speak thus: We wish him what he wishes us. As for the Kremlin's doubtful crew: "The same to you. The same to you." Mayor Percy George we fondly greet, May he enjoy a special treat. While Leslie Fox, that local Sun, (We hope he will excuse the pun) And all the scribes across the Bay Deserve the best on this great day. To Jack Rutman of legal fame We send our card and sign our name. The choicest gifts of this fair season We wish Doc Hunter, with good reason. John Rockingham is listed here With those we hope enjoy good cheer. Phil Fleming long has with us dwelt, May his good fortune now be "felt." While Margaret Christie rates a wish For all that's good in the Yuletide dish. And may Herb Warren and his parks Continue to attract the larks— Or are they seagulls? Never mind, We'll soon get used to either kind. The Season's best to Austin Curtis, A few more like him wouldn't hurt us. And let's not miss out Rebel Mowat Who likes our town and likes to show it. Bill Kennedy a bull's-eye scores Presiding o'er his liquid stores. And Margaret Clay is in our book As one to whom a friend may look For help. And likewise Harry Smith— His genial nature is no myth. The Season's blessings we entreat For Tim and Sandy down the street. Fred Cabeldu inspires our toast, We're sorry he has left his post. To Bill Mainwaring we extend The "current" greetings without end. Our wish for Aubrey Kent would fill A space the size of Beacon Hill. While everyone will agree On praise for U.N.'s Trygve Lie. With Harold Husband we will ride In Zone One during Christmastide. We hope the teams will keep on winning! That study under Arch McKinnon, For who can better coach than he The youth of our community? We send Bob Wootton salutation Though he's against amalgamation. Let's give a cheer for Tommy Horne Who played golf long ere we were born; While hoping that good fortune lurks In Ernie Carson's public works. To France's Premier we extend The hope he can her troubles end. (We will not use his name for fear It's changed before these lines appear.) The enemies of Harry Truman Proved only that to err is human. May he enjoy in Washington A perfect presidential run. While Clement Attlee—may he pause Ere socializing Santa Claus. And that brings up the name of Harold Winch whose bang is double-barreled. May he today absorb sweet reason Along with Compliments of the Season. A word of caution joins our greeting To one whose army is retreating. We hope you may avoid a wreck, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Doug Abbott's praise is necessary, But taxes our vocabulary. Though on our friend Ike Eisenhower It's easy words of cheer to shower. Lester B. Pearson we extoll As one whose name should head the roll. May his opponents see the light When they've experienced "Mike" fright. A special greeting, word by hand, To our new pals in Newfoundland; May they have cause to highly rate us When sharing our Dominion status. John Baxter gets a greeting here, And John McLellan equal cheer; Bob Brindle and his boys in blue Have earned a commendation too. Right in this spot a note we'll tuck: "To Marjorie Holmes—the best of luck." John Ewing and his College staff Should on this day enjoy a laugh. For Stuart Garson we would mingle Congratulations with a Christmas jingle. Norm MacKenzie at U.B.C. Merits the best from you and me. Walter Turnbull and Lester Patrick Both on occasion achieve the hat trick. While to Frank Hunter and Kaye Lamb We would direct a deep salaam. This does not terminate our list Of friends, for hundreds have been missed. But rubber bands we cannot imitate, the column has a limit. We end by wishing Christmas cheer To everyone throughout next year. May they be given perfect health, Prosperity and general wealth; May joy continue, trade increase, And all the world enjoy some peace. —B.A.T.

## **It Still Shines For Those Who Earnestly Seek It**



## **Hungry Berliners Resist The Lure**

By JAMES THRASHER from New York

THERE is an old saying about catching more flies with sugar than with vinegar. The Russians in Berlin are taking it literally. They have used one of the cheapest and most curious bribes on record in their latest effort to squeeze their former allies out of the German capital.

### **THE BAIT**

A half pound of sugar, absolutely free, goes to those Berliners who change their food registration from the western to the Soviet zone. It is suspected that the Soviet authorities may then try to bar all Germans from their part of the city who do not hold east-sector food cards. This could mean that the 150,000 or more who live in west Berlin and work in the east part would be kept from their jobs, thus increasing the general turmoil.

Western authorities acknowledge that 60,000 Berliners have already changed their food registration. In exchange they got not only a handful of sugar, but fresh meat and new potatoes. They can't get these from their airlift rations, though they get an equal amount of calories in their daily diet.

They also get, with the sugar, the first pinch of Communist dictatorship. Job purges and other discriminations against non-Communists have started, and it is feared they will go on. They get, too, the prospect of widening Communist influence in their city's life, with all that that implies. They are gambling their birthright for a mess of pottage, and their liberty for a little added sweetening in their ersatz coffee.

### **QUESTION OF FOOD**

How can it be worth it, even to people who obediently followed the dictatorship of Hitler? To answer that one would probably have to know what it is like to live for months on a drab diet of meaty potatoes and canned meat and powdered eggs and other monotonous foods whose only virtue is that they keep body and soul together.

The western Berliners know they have the Russian blockade to thank for this unappetizing fare. They know, or at least the more intelligent do, that by accepting the Russians' petty bribes they are risking the loss of their individual freedom and self-government.

But a random selection of thousands from any big city doesn't contain too many who are willing to risk privation or even discomfort for the sake of their ideals.

The surprising thing is that more Berliners have not succumbed. There are about 2,000,000 people in the American, British and French districts of Berlin. It is encouraging that no more than 60,000, or even 100,000, have been lured by the Russian sugar bait. And not only have the majority in this section stayed put, but there have been many from the east who have escaped to austerity and greater freedom. Even members of the "people's police" are deserting to the west in numbers that reportedly are causing concern among German Communists.

### **NOT THE ONLY ONES**

Soviet sugar may yet catch more hungry Germans. But from the number who have resisted it seems evident that the Americans, British and French are not the only ones who are determined that the democratic governments shall not be driven out of Berlin.

## **Britain Heads The Struggle**

By GRAHAM HUTTON, in London Calling.

IN BRITAIN, during the past eighteen months, the traditional Socialists—men whose Socialism derives from Christian origins and the centuries-old British struggle for liberty, equality and fraternity—have remained anti-Marxist, or at least anti-Communist, because they are believers in the ultimate values in life as valued by individuals—not by an all-wise dictator or state "set-up."

### **CRUCIAL TODAY**

The same is true of the sections of French and Italian Socialists who, in the past year, broke away from their national trade-union federations, refusing to obey a Communist-dominated caucus—the French Force Ouvrière and the Italian Socialist under Signor Saragat.

Indeed, the British line of Socialism is generally followed by the anti-Communist Socialists of Holland, Belgium and the three Scandinavian nations as well. That is why the attitude of the British Labor Party and government, and the British

trade-union movement, is so crucial in Europe today.

And that is why, I think, the Communists thought it better not to risk a head-on collision in Britain, where the feeling against Communism and Communists is so much stronger now and so much more overwhelming than at any time since after the collapse of the great general strike, 22 years ago.

After all, the British Trades Union Congress has officially urged all British trade unionists to turn up to meetings and swamp the small Communist minority out of power. It has called for eradication of Communism, root and branch, in the unions. The Socialist government here is purging Communists from the civil and strategic services. The Prime Minister personally broke the dockers' strike last summer by his broadcast, when the men—largely under Communist leadership—defied their own union.

### **AN EVEN BREAK**

So what you are left with is that the Communists flourish—and make hay in their campaign to ditch the European Recovery Program—wherever the basic social position, or political ability, or morale of the people is rather low.

In Britain, it is most emphatically not low. Whatever else you can say of Socialism in Britain, it has convinced the mass of the so-called proletariat that they are getting an even—indeed, more than an even—break, and it has respected their individuality and more of their rights than have most other governments in Europe. (I say that as a non-Socialist.)

But that does not minimize the seriousness of the second cold war, now being waged all over the continent for the control of organized labor and the trade unions of Europe—the European city proletariat. For,

if the Communists can win that war, they will have isolated the British Labor and Socialist movement in this little island, and have broken the recovery program on which Britain and Europe depend.

### **PROOF OF DESPERATION**

I think what they are doing in France now is proof that they are desperate. I do not think they will succeed. And I think our best evidence for that is the bulk of Europe's Socialists and trade unionists have seen what British Labor and British Socialists have decided to do against the Communist threat, and are prepared to follow suit. And that, I think, is quite a tribute to the British people's common sense.

## **The Old Songs**

Windsor Star

Recently in Windsor there was a contest between "barbershop quartettes" which called attention to the renewal of interest in this delightful form of harmony. Throughout the province such quartettes are being organized, for the enjoyment of the participants and audiences alike.

In latter years of sophistication, too many sneered at the old songs sung in the old way. Any who engaged in singing them were regarded as somewhat daff; either that or very old-fashioned.

The "barbershop quartette" type of singing was and is distinctive. It emphasizes old familiar tunes which were particularly suitable to this special form of harmony. In the past it contributed to many a pleasant social evening, and perhaps best of all, gave those men who like to sing an opportunity to do so.

It is pleasing that "barbershop quartettes" now have quite an appeal to the younger men. They find, as other generations found, that it is good fun to harmonize.



By DEWITT MACKENZIE  
Associated Press News Analyst

Tell you a Christmas story? Why, sure! It's a pleasure, because I'm happy over being able to spend this Yuletide at home, and I'd like to share my happiness.

You know, being among your loved ones at this season is a wonderful privilege. Your vagabond reporter knows, because during the last generation he has spent many Christmases in strange places far from the family fireside.

### **TACIT TRUCE**

I can't remember all my Christmases but there were, for instance, the front-line trenches in the First World War. If you were lucky there was a tacit truce between the hostile lines in recognition of the day. Then you joined in Christmas carols, and exchanged cakes and other good things from home with your buddies.

There were Christmases in England. They always followed the Dickens tradition, and the carol singers—they still call them "waits"—would do their songs before your windows, hoping for presents from within.

I remember one gloomy Christmas in Calcutta, when I sat alone at my hotel table for dinner, and didn't know a soul in the big room. But as always the Christmas spirit was hovering near, for a kindly couple sitting nearby invited me to join them in the festivities.

### **LIFE-LONG WISH**

Among the most cherished Christmases of them all was the one I spent in Bethlehem, thereby satisfying a life-long wish. I gazed across the rolling fields where shepherds were "keeping watch over their flock by night."

I stood in the cave beneath the Church of the Nativity where tradition says the manger was. There I lived again my childhood days in the old Vermont parsonage where my carefully guarded treasures included colored Sunday-school cards depicting scenes surrounding Jesus' birth.

So our story might run on, but the important thing is that this year we are with our folk at home.

And here's wishing the same good fortune for you all.



### **OPINION CONFIRMED**

T.D.F. in the Ottawa Citizen  
Oxford County, England, has abolished school homework. And Junior says it confirms his opinion that the English are miles ahead of anyone else in everything.

### **SELF-INFLICTED**

Exchange  
Some reports which are coming out of China fill one with revulsion. They tell of rich Chinese fleeing their home cities, to Hong Kong or elsewhere, to avoid the Communists. These numbers doubtless include many of the speculators in rice and other who have contributed to the chaos in China. These gentry have made millions of ordinary Chinese willing victims of Communism, out of sheer despair, on the theory that Communism couldn't be much worse than what they already have had.

### **STILL A VIRTUE**

Winnipeg Free Press  
The thrift habit so firmly established during the war has not been maintained so well in peace, although the hour is particularly opportune for increasing savings. Canada is riding on a high economic level and if money is not saved in a time of plenty, it will not be when times are bad.

The habit of thrift, of course, is not easy to acquire and maintain; but this is a moment when it deserves the application of earnest effort to make regular savings that will provide a financial bulwark if and when the need should arise. The young consistently should be taught the value of thrift and encouraged to save.

### **DEBT AND EQUITY**

Toronto Saturday Night  
We are in the fullest agreement with Mr. Gardner and Mr. Ball, president and general manager respectively of the Bank of Montreal, in their belief that it would be much better if the existing heavy expenditure of new capital were financed more through the issue of equity stock than through the creation of debt. We imagine that a great many of the issuers of the new securities share this view, but unfortunately they have to consult the taste of the people who buy the securities, and at the present moment that taste runs strongly in the direction of well-secured promises to pay rather than in that of equity holdings with their element of chance.





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## Men Who Aided Nfld. Union Likely To Lead 10th Province

By D'ARCY O'DONNELL

OTTAWA (CP)—Newfoundland's first administration after union with Canada likely will be composed of men who were prominent in the move to bring the island into confederation as a 10th province, it was learned Thursday.

Under the terms signed at a public ceremony here Dec. 11, the new province will be governed by a lieutenant-governor and an executive council chosen by him until a provincial legislature can be elected.

March 31 has been set as the target date for union and under the terms the Newfoundland legislature must meet within four months after union becomes effective.

A native Newfoundlander will be appointed by the Canadian government to the post of lieutenant-governor, but it is not known if they have any one in mind for the post.

A source in close touch with the Newfoundland situation said it was almost a certainty that the lieutenant-governor would pick Joseph Smallwood as one of his men on the tentative executive council.

### INITIATED MOVE

Mr. Smallwood initiated the move to bring the island into confederation. He has served on two delegations which discussed union terms with the Canadian government.

His friends say that he will be the island's premier when the new legislature is elected. F. Gordon Bradley, one of Mr. Smallwood's right-hand men, may also serve on the executive council, although it is known that he is prepared to enter the federal political field on the island.

If elected when a Liberal gov.



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'Twas an emergency meeting of the United Nations, the result of threats . . . intimidations. Men sat tense in their council seats, praying for truths . . . not counterfeits. Knowing full well, if they DIDN'T succeed, there'd be nothing left . . . in the world to bleed. Deputies of all countries, large or picturesque, pleaded . . . reasoned . . . each pounded their desk. Quoting faiths . . . principles, and axioms, could these withstand atomic bombs? "Civilization . . . from here to Perth, would perish from . . . the face of the earth. Should some escape . . . with wounds & scars, then back to stone ages . . . all calendars." Frozen . . . these deputies, to their marrows, "the next war then . . . with bows & arrows." Most had spoken, the world awaited, when suddenly the Council . . . was detonated. A man jumped up, his ear-phones fell, he ranted and shouted . . . his doggerel. All was confusion, a chaotic rout, & a lot didn't know . . . what he was talking about. Then while correspondents . . . were dashing for phones, a flash of silence . . . o'er shouts & groans. They wheeled about . . . in that multitude, glued to the floor . . . by the magnitude. Of the hushed silence twinkling there, while at the Stranger . . . continued to stare. As He raised His arms, looked up to heaven, & spoke a parable . . . the meal and heaven. "Verily . . . Verily . . . I say unto you, do unto others, as you'd have them do." He turned about, then bellis they heard . . . 'twas gently snowing. All looked up, they NOW could believe, besides this all happened . . . on a Christmas Eve. The world outside . . . again caught its breath, from the Father of this carpenter . . . OF NAZARETH.

—THE HUMBERS . . . Maurice, Barley and Bruce . . . wish you and yours, every happiness.



**CHRISTMAS IN THE NAVY**—Mess decks of the ships and establishments of the R.C.N.'s Pacific command have adopted the Christmas look. Sailors who were unable to get home for Christmas are making their ships jolly with Yuletide decorations and have used a lavish hand with holly, spruce boughs and tinsel. Above, AB, William McArthur, Indian Head, Sask., and AB, Lorne Little, Calgary, Alta., decorate their tree in one of the mess decks aboard the cruiser Ontario.

ernment is in power in Ottawa, it is possible that Mr. Bradley will be chosen as the island's representative in the cabinet. He served as attorney-general in the island's last Liberal government before it lost responsible government.

## Toronto To Decide On Two-Year Term

TORONTO (CP)—For the fourth time in eight years the question of a two-year term for city council faces Toronto voters. They'll decide it Jan. 1—traditional civic election day in the Dominion's second-largest city. Toronto voted down a two-year term for council and the board of education in 1940, 1941 and 1947. If it's approved this time, there won't be another election until 1951.

The issue is providing the biggest fight in a campaign marked also by Mayor Hiram E. McCallum's first attempt to get elected mayor. He led the poll for Board of Control last year and was appointed mayor by city council when Mayor Robert Saunders resigned to become chairman of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario. His sole opponent is Ross Dowson, a member of the Revolutionary Workers' Party, a Trotskyite organization. He polled 15,423 votes last year when he was snowed under by Mr. Saunders.

## Condensation from "Road to Survival" in Reader's Digest

Man, by his excessive breeding and his abuse of the soil, has backed himself into a trap, says William Vogt. January issue of Reader's Digest brings you a 22-page condensation from his best-seller—a Book of the Month Club selection. It may shock, scare, and infuriate you—but it's a fascinating preview of things to come as seen by a courageous, competent scientist. Don't miss it. Get your Reader's Digest today.

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NOW ON NEWSSTANDS

## Trouble For British Labor Government Seen In Unrest

LONDON (CP)—Britain's nationalized industries and services have been warned that their new year may not be happy.

These developments point to trouble for the Labor government and its agents who are responsible for day-to-day operations under public ownership.

1. The Trades Union Congress general council proposes an inquiry into the administration and conduct of the nationalized industries.

2. The National Union of Railwaymen, representative of nearly 500,000 workers in the public-owned British railways, says a strike may be called unless demands for increased wages are met.

Union leaders have been faithful allies of the government in the general program, including nationalization. But they have not been happy about results of public ownership and their criticism has become louder.

The proposed inquiry would help solve differences of opinion within the T.U.C. itself. There is a tendency, for instance, for the iron and steel trades unionists to criticize the coal board for failing to increase the coal output to the degree essential to provide more

## Pope In Yule Message Sees World On Edge Of Abyss

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Pius, drawing a sorrowful balance for 1948, declared today that once again the world is menaced by war.

The Pontiff said in a Christmas message to the world in the past year, which at first had appeared to be the start of a surge toward true peace, today "seems instead opening upon the edge of a precipice."

The forces of the world, he said, are moving toward two opposed poles, both desiring peace but "both placing it in danger." The Pope did not mention Communism by name, nor allude directly to east-west differences.

"Some," he said, "are taking the old saying, not entirely false, but which lends itself to misunderstanding, and is frequently abused, that 'if you want peace, prepare for war.'"

Others believed they would find salvation in the formula: peace at any price. Both sides wanted peace, but both endangered it.

### TRIALS FOR CHURCH

War and the postwar years had brought hard trials to the Roman Catholic Church.

"But, although beaten by tempests," she preserved inviolate her vital substance, Pope Pius said.

The Pope spoke in answer to Christmas greetings offered him by the Sacred College of Cardinals.

As in the past, he addressed his words to the world at large. The year 1948, he said, appeared at first to be one that would lead to reconstruction and "true peace." But this hope had not been realized.

Moral strength, the Pope said, is necessary if the world is to advance with firm step towards peace. Also necessary is the "courage to look truth in the eye."

### CRUCIAL POINT

He said 1948 appears today to be a crucial point. Yet 1948, despite its anxieties, had not been entirely barren of visible fruits.

Among these the Pontiff cited the resistance of people against having new wars thrust on them,

## New Year's Receptions Planned

Usual New Year's Day receptions will be held by the Lieutenant-Governor, the city, Esquimalt municipality, the navy and the army.

Except for the city's and Esquimalt's two open houses, all will be for men only.

The times of each are:

Government House from 11 in the morning to 1 in the afternoon.  
City Hall, 10.30 in the morning to noon.  
Esquimalt Municipal Hall, 2 to 4 in the afternoon.

## Parents Hope Son Will Return Home

There will be sadness in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Berks, 1405 Harrop Road, this Christmas Day. Their wandering 14-year-old son, William, will not be home for the second Christmas in succession.

Saanich police have been on the lookout for him for months, but all their efforts have failed to locate him. People having any knowledge as to his whereabouts are asked to immediately contact Bert Pearson, Saanich juvenile officer.

William also goes by the name of Billy Kimbell. He is 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs 125 pounds, has fair hair, blue eyes and a rosy complexion.

William left home Nov. 17 last year. Finally Saanich police located him in April. He was working on a turkey farm in the Highland district. They brought him home. He stayed for a while, got the wanderlust again and has been missing for several more months.

Wardroom, H.M.C.S. Naden, 11.30 in the morning to 12.30.  
Work Point Barracks, 11 in the morning to 1 in the afternoon.

Bay Street Armory, the Canadian Scottish (Princess Mary's), 3 to 5.30 in the afternoon.

Bay Street Armory, 5th B.C. H.A.A. Regiment, R.C.A., 10 to 12 noon.

Bay Street Armory, composite mess of 13th Field Ambulance, R.C.A.M.C., the 58th and 59th Workshops, R.C.E.M.E., and the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, 10 to 12 noon.

The navy open house will be a joint affair, with hosts the flag officer, Pacific Coast, the commanding officers of all H.M.C. ships and establishments and the officers and commandant of the Canadian Service College.

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## Clothing Store Damaged By Fire

Fire of undetermined origin Thursday evening, did considerable damage to Pritchard and Sons clothing store at 1227 Government Street before the Victoria Fire Department succeeded in putting it out.

The proprietor said this morning that he was taking inventory to learn the extent of his loss in stock.

Fire apparently broke out in one of the two rear compartments of the store and through the prompt work of the fire department was killed there.

Smoke and water damage was fairly extensive. The heat cracked the main front windows but did not break them out.

The blaze was spotted by a passing sailor and he turned in the alarm at 6.59. Firemen attacked the fire from the back alley which has an entrance on Yates Street.



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## Beards New Style For 1949



Watch them grow. Four Eagle members, left to right, Bob Reid, Cec Brembley, E. Bulmer and Len Andrews, who are going to take part in the beard growing contest next year.

Beards may become fashionable in 1949.

Don't get agitated, girls—it all depends how Victorians take to a beard-growing contest, open to all males in and around the city.

All that the men have to do to convince their wives, first, that growing a beard is a manly art, register at the Eagles office here on or after Jan. 3 and wait for the soup strainer to grow.

For the little discomfort involved there is a prize of \$300 for the best beard. There is also a second prize of \$200 and a third of \$100.

Seven other prizes of \$50 for the best beards of different colors is also offered to prospective contestants. It is hoped that this special color contest might overcome any argument that some wives might have that beards will interfere with the color scheme of their homes.

The rules are simple. You let the beard grow. You don't shave or trim. Just let the whiskers

sprout from the ears downwards and hope for the best.

You may start growing a beard anytime after Jan. 3. The beards will be judged during the three-day Golden Anniversary celebrations of Victoria Aerie No. 12, F.O.E., April 7, 8 and 9.

Points will be awarded for appearance of beard, length and other factors. Experts say it takes about two months to grow a soft, silky beaver. There are individual cases, they say, of course, who can grow a beard almost overnight.

The first two weeks are the hardest. That is when you feel like going to your razor. If you hold out, however, it is straight sailing after that.

To start the wheels turning, executive officers of the organization have volunteered to each grow a beard. There will be a few exceptions. One official, a baker, for instance, will be unable to grow a beard due to health regulations.

The announcement of the beard contest has already met

with a certain amount of opposition from the opposite sex who have expressed their views on the subject in no uncertain terms.

One wife said she didn't know how her husband could think of such a thing, when he held a "respectable position."

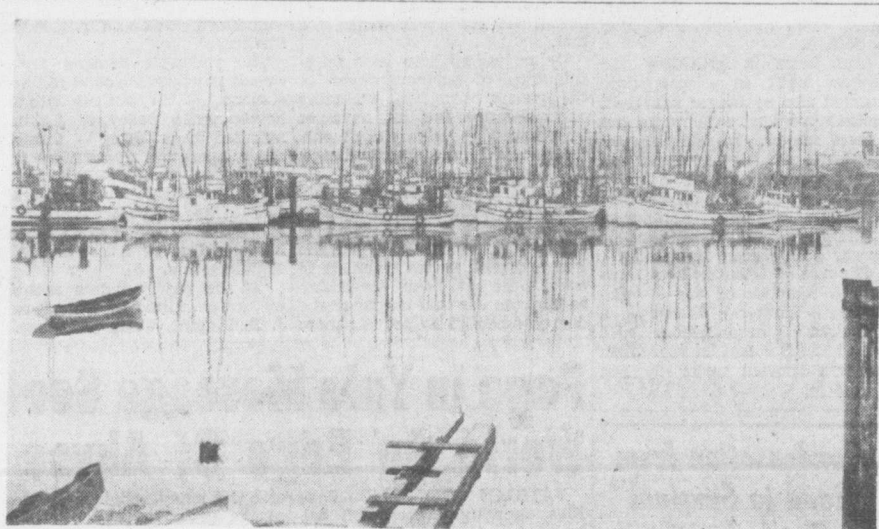
"Why, what's wrong?" commented an Eagle official. "Kings have worn beards."

A few Eagles have applied for beds at the organization's headquarters. They feel that due to opposition in the home they may have to sleep at the Eagles Home for the duration of the contest.

But the contest is going on. Approximately 50 eagles so far have announced their intentions of growing beards. Many other outsiders are also keen to participate in the contest.

The contest will receive civic approval. Mayor Percy George is expected to open the competitions which will start hundreds of beards growing.

Women opposed to the contest have one consolation, however, beards tickle.



**FISHING FLEET IS IN**—Floats at Port Alberni are a sea of masts as the west coast troller and seiner fleets put in for the Christmas season. They are pictured above with the snow-clad hills in the background. The boats are moored six deep in some places. New floats with an expenditure of \$35,000 have been authorized and will be built in the new year.

## Bank Of England Governor, Graft Probe Witness, Quits

LONDON (AP)—The Treasury announced today George Gibson, recent witness at an investigation of graft rumors in the Labor government, has resigned as a governor of the Bank of England.

Gibson told a special tribunal he went around with Polish-born promoter Sidney Stanley and introduced him to other government officials, but denied that his actions involved any wrongdoing.

The resignation of the 63-year-old Gibson, a former head of the powerful Trades Union Congress, is the second by members of Prime Minister Attlee's government who figured in the inquiry.

John W. Belcher, who acknowledged he was friendly with Stanley but denied taking any graft, quit as parliamentary secretary to the Board of Trade after the tribunal had heard his story.

The three-man tribunal completed 26 days of hearings Tuesday. It is expected to report its findings to the Home Secretary about Feb. 1.

Parliament set up the tribunal at the request of Attlee, who said there had been talk of payments to government officials for favors involving import licenses and the affairs of a football gambling pool.

Stanley was pictured by witnesses as a contact man between various business enterprises and government administrators.

During the hearings it developed that a 1933 deportation order against him had never been enforced. His lawyer has now asked the Home Secretary to cancel it.

## Caravan Produces Traffic Jams, Dented Fenders, Raised Tempers

What was to have been a caravan of about 300 cars turned into something of a fiasco with almost 2,000 participants Thursday night when the Junior Chamber of Commerce led a procession of automobiles throughout Greater Victoria, passed homes entered in its Christmas lighting contest.

Plans were that all cars were to assemble on Dallas Road, between Douglas and Cook streets. Early arrivals managed this all right, but by 7:30, the time set for the caravan to move off, there were so many cars that every possible parking space in the district was jammed.

Cars lined along Dallas Road, from Cook right to Ross Bay, through all the winding roads of Beacon Hill Park, and along Cook Street from Dallas to Fort Street.

When the caravan eventually moved off, police had a job settling the traffic problem at the intersection of Dallas and Cook.

Despite warning issued earlier by police and junior chamber officials, many motorists disobeyed instructions and tried to break in near the front of the line-up, instead of waiting and falling in at the rear. The affect of this was twofold: tempers rose to considerable heights and many vehicles received dented fenders.

Eventually, the caravan was strung out and on its way. At one point in the route, where a timer was stationed, it was found the caravan took one hour and 45 minutes to pass.

The strain of driving bumper to bumper was too much for

some motorists so they dropped out along the way. This didn't help matters, though, since in many cases the cars behind them often followed them out, thinking they were still going over the caravan route.

This was especially so in the Uplands where strings of cars were seen going in all directions, while the original caravan had only about 100 cars left with it.

The committee which arranged the caravan is already planning how next year's can be improved. One suggestion is that instead of having one big caravan, small caravans be organized each night for a week.

Another proposal is that cars should be assembled in various districts. Then, if they all moved off at the same time and kept to the caravan route, there would not be much difficulty.

Winner of this year's contest was F. A. Robinson, 2099 Lansdowne Road. Second prize went to W. C. Wells, 3023 Beach Drive. Both will receive trophies.

Ten other prize-winners have yet to be named.

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## Canada Foreseen As Shopping Centre For World In 1949

By FORBES RHUDE

Canadian Press Business Editor Tired of shopping: Well 365 days of it are coming up and it will be well to get the shelves in order, for the world promises to come calling for about everything Canada has.

That paragraph was written a year ago and it was true, and there is surprisingly little difference in what one might write today.

Okay, there is talk of falling British contracts. (Not seriously falling as yet, let us remark in parenthesis).

But we are a country capable of producing a great deal of food, and absolutely we are living in a hungry world—hungry except for us and few other favored peoples. If we don't find our way out of that don't let us throw the blame on anyone else.

We have food, minerals, wood products, and products of the sea, and we can do bit of manufacturing.

We are, along with the United States, the most prosperous people on earth, and in the known history of the earth.

**MARKETS THURSDAY**

Folks were buying Christmas cards and gifts yesterday and didn't pay much attention to whatever money they might make or lose on the stock markets, and so the markets were quiet.

## 'Y' Arranges Turkey Dinner For Many

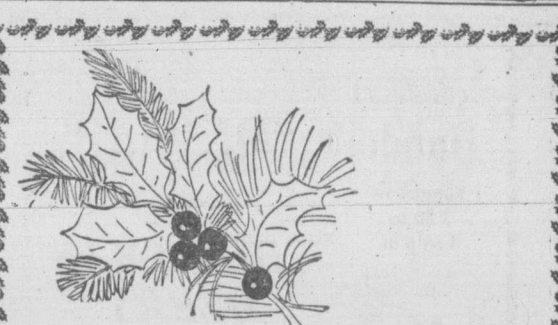
Thanks to the generosity of many Victorians, several lonely people will have a turkey dinner Christmas Day.

Bob Morrison, Y.M.C.A. program director, announced Thursday that the response to the "Y's" appeal to citizens to take in persons with no place to go Christmas Day has been gratifying.

This evening—Christmas Eve—the doors of the "Y" at Blanshard and View will be open to all.

It was uncertain last week whether or not sufficient interest would be shown in having a Christmas Eve get-together. Mr. Morrison announced that the idea was well received and that a program of carol singing, motion pictures and dancing, followed by refreshments, will be staged.

The Y.M.C.A. Phalanx Club has now completed distribution of toys to underprivileged children. The toys, all donated, were repaired and repainted by club members.



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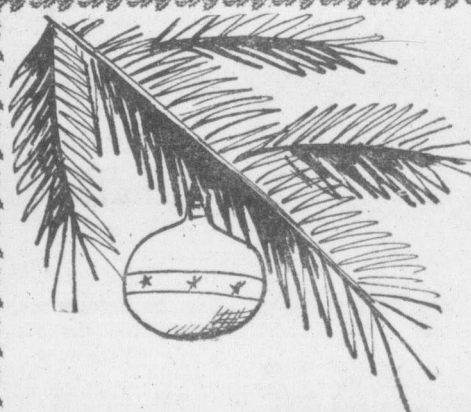


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## Inhalator Crews Of Fire Department Save Choking Boys

"We have been unable to put our finger on the cause of the trouble so far, but we are trying to get the answer through X-rays," said Dr. Vincent Smith today in regard to the strange cases where two sons of the same family Thursday were saved from choking to death by the work of Saanich Fire Department inhalator crews.

The two boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Gubbels, Box 1405 Gleanford Avenue, Thomas, aged three, and his brother, Fred, aged two.

They are in St. Joseph's Hospital under observation. Dr. Smith said X-rays being taken might solve the cases, which he termed "very unusual." He pointed out that so far there have been no repeats on convulsions and choking by the two in hospital.

"Both have sore throats and colds," the doctor said, but indicated that these symptoms alone would not cause the trouble.

The near-fatal chokings occurred four hours apart. The mother said both of her sons started to get sick in the afternoon. When Tom started choking at 5:48 she called the Saanich Fire Department. Lieut. H. McNeill and Fireman Robert Allen attended with the respiratory equipment. They worked on him until they were satisfied the seizure was over. This treatment lasted for 20 minutes.

### SECOND SMILAR CASE

At 9:30 two-year-old Fred started choking and distraught Mrs. Gubbels immediately called the fire department again. This time Fireman C. A. Button and Joseph Robbins attended and the respirator was again used for 20 minutes. Fred was blue in the face from choking when they arrived.

Lieut. McNeill took the two children to hospital.

Mrs. Gubbels, grateful for the speedy service of the fire fighters, said she could not understand the trouble as both boys had always been healthy.

The physician said there was no evidence that the kids' choking spells came from food they had eaten, although he noted their seizures were not unusual to that produced by food that is slightly poisonous.

### Tacoma Speaker At Free Methodist Church

Miss Beryl Ring, public school teacher of Tacoma, Washington, and world traveler will be the guest speaker at the Free Methodist Church Sunday.

The entire Sunday school period from 9:45 to 11:00 will be under the leadership of Miss Ring, illustrating her message with captivating object lessons. The evening service at 7:30 will feature her message, "Walking With the King."

Miss Ring has encountered many interesting experiences while in Africa, Palestine, China, and other countries, some of which she will relate at the services.

### G. V. Perrin Heads Courtenay Legion

COURTENAY—G. V. Perrin, Courtenay D.V.A. representative, was elected president of the Canadian Legion, Courtenay Branch, succeeding William G. Bell.

Others elected at the annual meeting were: Kenneth Willis, first vice-president; J. Mathers, sergeant-at-arms, and E. Erikson, treasurer. Executive officers are: M. Carwithen, S. R. Grey, A. H. Strachan, G. C. H. Wagner, John Crockett and Mark Luey.

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ARE ALL OUT ON THEIR OWN NOW—  
GUESS WHAT POP FINALLY GAVE MOM—



READY FOR SANTA CLAUS—With a child's ever-present faith in good things, four-year-old Diosa "Dinky" Young pins her stocking to the fireplace mantel so that it will be just about the first thing Santa sees when he comes down the chimney. "Dinky" is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Young, 2723 Scott Street.

## Yule Season Brighter, More Expensive For Europeans

LONDON (AP)—Christians throughout Europe today looked forward to a brighter Christmas than they have enjoyed in years—though generally a more expensive one.

The United Kingdom has the makings of a merrier Christmas this year than last—for people who can afford it. Chickens, ducks and geese are more plentiful and, the food ministry has authorized extra rations of some tightly controlled foods.

For the first Yuletide in seven years Britons can get plenty of rum, brandy and gin at controlled prices ranging from \$6.50 to \$8.50 a bottle. Buyer resistance has forced some British toy shops to cut prices by half.

As a special treat, the fuel ministry has told Britons to use all the electricity they wish the next three days, ordinarily home use of electric power is forbidden during daylight hours.

In western Germany, shoppers thronged the stores, but the traditional Christmas goose went begging. Buyers complained that the merchants were asking too much money.

The French made ready for the most luxurious—and costly—Yuletide since the war.

### UP 60 PER CENT

Prices were up almost 60 per cent more than last year. But shoppers flocked in, buying everything in sight.

Medium sized turkeys sold in Paris for about \$13 each. Paris

### Holds Yule Concert

SHIRLEY—Recitations, plays, old-time dances, drills and Christmas pageant and carols were included in the program of entertainment at the Christmas concert staged by the Muir Creek school children, in the Shirley Community Hall, under sponsorship of the Muir Creek and Shirley P.T.A.

Highlight of the evening was the colorful entrance of Santa Claus, who distributed gifts and bags of candies from beneath the shimmering Christmas tree to all the children of the community. Ronnie Walker was master of ceremonies and led community singing during intermissions.

## No Jury Trial For Sterilization Claim

VANCOUVER (CP)—Mrs. Hester Ida Murray of Nelson, Thursday had an application denied for a jury trial in a damage suit against Dr. John G. M. McMurchy of Vancouver.

Mrs. Murray seeks compensation from Dr. McMurchy for allegedly making her sterile without her knowledge or consent. Sterilization was done, she claims, when the doctor performed a caesarean delivery in August, 1947.

Mr. Justice A. M. Manson in Supreme Court chambers ruled that trial of the action should be by a panel of three judges or a judge with two assessors. He said he had refused a jury trial on "a narrow point of law."

### Former City Resident Dies In Connecticut

Word was received in Victoria Thursday of the death in Connecticut of F. H. Jones, former well-known city resident, who for the past 20 years has lived in both New York and Connecticut.

He attended University School here for three years, before entering the Royal Military College at Kingston, where he graduated in 1917 and served in the Canadian Army. Upon his resignation from the permanent force, he went to McGill University and graduated as a mining engineer.

Mr. Jones is survived by his widow; his father Fred W. Jones, 1630 Rockland Avenue; two sisters, Mrs. H. W. Oliver, Victoria; Lady Lambert, Surrey, Eng. and a daughter in Massachusetts.

## Arbitration, Likely In Farmer's Strike Against New Road

Arbitration proceedings probably will be necessary in the "sit-down" strike of an up-island farmer opposing the dynamiting of stumps on his farm by the provincial public works department.

Works Minister E. C. Carson said today his department has only occasionally been faced with this type of resistance in a project, and "it looks like it will have to be taken to arbitration."

The farmer, Don Morton, of Westholme, stopped workmen who were preparing Thursday to blast stumps where a new road planned by the Public Works Department would cross his farm.

Morton objected that the route of the road threatened to cut off a water spring supplying his farm, and when workmen appeared at the edge of his property, he climbed on top of one of the stumps, sat down, and invited the workmen to: "Go ahead. Blow the stumps. You'll blow me up, too."

His action bolstered the resistance to the new road from other farmers who are claiming compensation for property loss.

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## Clubwomen's News

**Candlelight Service** — Christmas meeting of Esquimalt United Women's Missionary Society was held in the school room with Mrs. E. King presiding. A candlelight service was conducted, following the program provided in the Missionary Monthly. Carols were sung. Election of officers took place with the following results: president, Mrs. E. King; vice-president, Mrs. William Thompson; treasurer, Mrs. A. H. Stelek; recording secretary, Miss Holling; corresponding secretary, Mrs. K. Hughes; stewardship, Mrs. R. M. Wellwood; temperance, Mrs. W. A. Deaville; Missionary Monthly, Mrs. F. Wheeler; supply, Mrs. T. Wallace; visiting, Mrs. Moyes and Mrs. Walker; pianist, Mrs. H. Parry. Reports showing a successful year, were presented.

**Card Party** — There were 33 tables of 500 in play at the Brentwood Institute Turkey 500 party. M. Atkins was master of ceremonies and the executive with Mrs. G. V. Williams and Mrs. E. G. Woodward as co-conveners were responsible for arrangements. Refreshments were served by Mesdames W. P. Moss, S. P. Moody, R. Ronson, J. Lyall and their committee. P. Moody and G. D. Moody were at the door, and Fred Wilson and M. Atkins were in charge of games.

**Mrs. Moody President** — At the election of officers held by Brentwood Women's Institute, Mrs. G. D. Moody was elected president, and vice-president, is Mrs. R. Ronson. Re-elected secretary and treasurer are Mrs. E. G. Woodward and Miss D. W. Worthington. Mrs. G. V. Williams, president for the last three years, was presented with a black suede handbag by Mrs. R. Haddon on behalf of members. Reports presented showed a successful year. Members voted \$15 to the Brentwood Aces, this sum to be applied to league fees of the group. A donation of \$10 was sent to the committee of U.E.F.B. Christmas seals were distributed and \$5 sent to the Christmas seal fund.

**Carol Program** — Women's Missionary Society of First United Church, Quadra Street, held their Christmas carol service, led by Mrs. A. Chisholm, and annual meeting in the Sunday School hall. Mrs. R. H. Nash, accompanied by Mrs. Sid C. Chiverrall, was the soloist. Officers elected included honorary presidents, Mrs. M. Waters and Mrs. W. J. Wilson; past president, Mrs. A. Chisholm; president, Mrs. J. Travis; first vice-president, Mrs. H. J. Cromie; second vice-president, Mrs. E. McIntyre; third vice-president, Mrs. C. L. Whitby; secretary, Mrs. George Riach; corresponding secretary, Mrs. N. F. Putnam; treasurer, Mrs. J. G. McFarlane; assistant treasurer, Mrs. A. Latham; Christian secretary, Mrs. Ord Butters; temperance, Mrs. Latham; Missionary Monthly and literature, Mrs. E. E. Bosence; supply, Mrs. George Fletcher; C.G.I.T., Mrs. Cromie; circle, Mrs. J. H. McKibbin; social convener, Mrs. W. S. Knight; mission band, Mrs. R. Reid; pianist, Mrs. W. J. Wilson; finance, Mrs. R. W. Mayhew.



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## Returns To Victoria After 11 Years



Mrs. L. M. Hughes, the former Miss Betty Gray, pictured above with her daughter, Ann, is visiting in Victoria, after an absence of 11 years. Mrs. Hughes, her daughter and son, Jack, are spending the Christmas season with her mother, Mrs. Andrew Gray, 1135 Catherine Street. Brothers and sisters-in-law, living in Victoria are Mr. and Mrs. James Gray, Hampshire Road, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gray, St. Patrick Street.

## 25th Anniversary

MESACHIE LAKE — Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Goldsmith celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Dec. 17, and entertained at a family dinner party, the following evening, at their home here. Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith were married in Victoria, Dec. 17, 1923, by the late Rev. Joseph McCoy of Knox Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Goldsmith is the former Daisy McInnes of Victoria. Mr. Goldsmith, who was born in Massachusetts and came to British Columbia in 1913.

From 1915 to 1918 Mr. Goldsmith served in the First World War, enlisting in the 131st regiment at New Westminster and later transferred to the 29th Battalion. The family still hear regularly from a Belgium family with whom he was billeted at Quenes, near Mons. Contact was lost during the second war, but as soon as the war was over they corresponded again.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith have two sons, Jack and James. At the family gathering were Mrs. Marion McInnes, Mrs. Goldsmith's mother, Victoria; Mr. and Mrs. Alan McInnes, of Duncan; Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Neville, sister and brother-in-law of Mrs. Goldsmith, of Victoria; and Miss Irene Dunn, Duncan. The family presented the couple with a silver tea service on the happy occasion. Mr. Goldsmith has been an employee of Hillcrest Lumber Co., Ltd. for 21 years.

### Veteran Of Stage

LONDON (CP) — Miss Helen Cresswell, of Lewisham, South London, believed to be Britain's oldest actress, celebrated her 103rd birthday in November.

### Three 'Bests'

OTTAWA (CP) — Kitchen pin-dressed, best treated women are those on the North American continent — Laurence A. Steinhardt, U.S. Ambassador to Canada.

### Women Customs Officers

LONDON (CP) — Britain's commissioners of customs and excise have approved the employment of a number of women search officers to examine women passengers and women members of crews arriving from or departing for abroad. The uniforms to be worn by the new staff will be on the lines of the Women's Royal Naval Service officers' uniform but with distinctive customs buttons and cap badge.

### Just Not Done

EDMONTON (CP) — Two Edmonton sisters who moved their belongings from one lodging to another in a taxi — but didn't pay the driver — have found out that you just can't do such things. They were given a week's remand and ordered to bring a receipt for the paid fare.

**W.M.S. Officers** — Women's Missionary Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church was held in the lecture room with president Mrs. H. Warren presiding. For the study period, Mrs. A. C. Wilson spoke on "British Guiana." Following officers were installed by Mrs. G. Cameron: Honorary presidents, Mrs. J. L. W. McLean and Mrs. A. A. McKinnon; president, Mrs. H. Warren; first vice-president, Mrs. A. C. Wilson; second vice-president, Mrs. F. R. Moore; recording secretary, Mrs. G. Cerdiver; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. W. McCaskill; treasurer, Mrs. J. P. Dempsey; supply, Mrs. J. Boyd; glad tidings, Mrs. J. G. Robson; welcome and welfare, Mrs. G. Burnett; home helpers, Mrs. G. Lister; library, Mrs. R. Cox; pianist, Mrs. H. C. Fraser.

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## Season's Greetings—To You, From Us!

Christmas time is greeting time. With that thought in mind, the members of the social department of the Victoria Daily

Times wish all their old friends and all the new friends made during the past year, a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

## Family Dinner Parties

Premier Byron Johnson, who have their son Byron home from University of British Columbia, for the holiday season, will have a quiet Christmas dinner at their own home on Armit Street.

Hon. Chief Justice Gordon McG. Sloan and Mrs. Sloan will have a family dinner party at their home on York Place. With them will be Mr. and Mrs. David Sloan and Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood B. Marshall with David and Nancy.

Mayor Percy E. George and Mrs. George will have their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Porter and Master Gary Porter, of Nanaimo, Mr. Warren, George, and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. George and Miss Joan George, with them for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hart are entertaining old friends at a small dinner party Christmas Day, at their home on Fairfield Road.

Miss Stella N. Hincks will come from New Westminster to spend Christmas with her family at Langford.

Miss Ellen Urvold, R.N., of Saanich and South Vancouver Nursing Unit, will visit friends in Vancouver for the next few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Noel will come from Vancouver to spend Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Noel, 1429 Richardson Street.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Hartnell, Gillespie Place, will spend Christmas with Mrs. T. Brown in Vancouver. They will be guests at Hotel Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Norman Brown and their son Mervyn of Langford, will be in Vancouver visiting their sons Keith, and Campbell, over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harper, Carey Road, who will entertain at dinner Christmas night, will have as their guest, their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Redfern of Vancouver.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Baldwin and their children Diane and Bobby of Nanaimo, will spend Christmas with Mrs. Baldwin's parents, Col. and Mrs. A. W. Hunt, 637 Beach Drive.

Sgt. and Mrs. Gregor McKenzie with their young son, motored from Trail to visit Mrs. McKenzie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George MacGregor, Stonycroft, Langford.

Sir Richard and Lady Lake will have as guests at their Newport Avenue home Christmas day, their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lake, and son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Braden, Jr., of Vancouver.

Mrs. N. Fitzpatrick will be at Harbor House, Ganges, for several days. She will be joined there by her daughter, Miss Patricia Fitzpatrick, and they will remain over the Christmas holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Scott Ford of Princeton will be the guest of Mrs. Ford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ellwood, "Ivygreen," Metchosin, for Christmas and New Year. Miss Beth Ellwood will come from Vancouver to join her family for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Greenan and their small son Douglas of West Vancouver, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McKenzie of Lake Cowichan will visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McKenzie at Langford during the holiday week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. White, Mitchell Street, have as their guests for the Christmas holidays their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald E. White and family of Penticton, also their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. MacLean, Port Alberni.

Mrs. David Swan, president of the British Columbia Provincial Command Women's Auxiliary, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., has returned home after visiting in Vancouver and attending the Christmas party held at Hycroft, and Shaughnessy hospitals, where she assisted in presenting gifts to patients.

Mrs. Margaret Richardson, who has been the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. Richardson at their home on Willwood Avenue, has left for a six months holiday in Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. A. Richardson will have their son and daughter-in-law and grandchild, Mr. and Mrs. William Inglis and little son John of Vancouver as their guests over the holiday season.

Capt. and Mrs. Harry Rood, 517 Comerford Street, have as their guests for the holidays, their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Corless of Edmonton. Mr. and Mrs. Corless arrived in the city today and before returning to their Alberta home will visit Mr. Corless' father and sister, Mr. E. Corless and Mrs. T. Almond of Qualicum Beach.

## Sacred Heart Play

Marking the close of the school term students at Sacred Heart School, Lake Hill, presented a Christmas play, and invited parents and friends. Dressed in gay costumes, both senior and junior groups performed, delighting the

audience. Christmas hymns and carols were sung by seniors. On behalf of parents and children, the pastor, Rev. J. J. Mangan, thanked the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, who were in charge of training the students.

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### Love's Labor Lost

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa (CP)—A native girl, Katie Libbok, asked the local Red Cross to find her brother, whom she had not seen or heard of for 35 years. After a five months' search, officials found her brother on a farm near Humans-

dorp, but now Katie has disappeared.

In China the classics were cut into tablets which were printed by hand in 175 A.D.

Joan of Arc, the French patriot was born Jan. 6, 1412, in the countryside of Domremy.



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### Clubwomen's News

**Christmas Dinner**—Prior to the meeting of Princess Patricia Lodge No. 238 an enjoyable Christmas dinner was served to all members, convened by Sister Rutherford and her committee. An exchange of gifts and greeting cards took place and Sister Spavin acted as postman. A cheque was sent to the B.C. Protestant Orphanage as a Christmas gift. Sister E. Lomas, retiring past district deputy, was presented with a lace tablecloth.

**New Officers**—Installation of officers for Britannia L.O.B.A. No. 216, was held at the Orange Hall and Mrs. H. E. Baker was installed for the second time as worthy mistress. Installing officer in charge was R.W.P.G.M. Sister S. Rowe, assisted by R.W.P.G.M. Sister I. Burt. Others helping in drill were R.W. E. Shaw and N.W. E. Hume, P.M. H. Anderson, P.M. V. Keatley and H. Dent, worthy mistress, Purple Star. Retiring mistress, Sister K. Kelman, was presented with her jewel and gift for her year's work. Officers are Worthy Mistress, Mrs. H. E. Baker; Deputy Mistress, Mrs. I. W. Leask; Jr. D.M., Mrs. V. Elwood; chaplain, Mrs. S. Westgate; secretary, R. Cook; treasurer, L. Cuthbert; guardian, Mrs. E. Elsemore; director of ceremonies, Mrs. C. Gupial; first lecture, Mrs. A. Sounders; second lecture, Mrs. N. Ryan; financial secretary, Mrs. S. H. Ashworth; inner guard, Mrs. E. Ketch; outer guard, Mrs. J. Millar. Donation was sent to the Loyal Protestant home, New Westminster K. Kelman and L. Cuthbert with their committee served supper.

### Elizabethan Carolers Appear At Carol Tea



A group of Elizabethan carolers, resplendent in silks and satins of the period, will appear in a program of Christmas music, Monday afternoon in the Crystal Ballroom at the Empress Hotel, at a second carol tea. The first was held last Wednesday afternoon. From left to right, the carolers are Dudley Wickkett, Robert Husband, Grace Adams, Louise Martin, Florence Smith, Catherine Dennison, Jack Townsend and Pierre Timp. Mrs. Pierre Timp acts as accompanist for the group.

### Social Calendar Sparkles With Many Holiday Parties

The tempo of holiday entertaining, started nearly six weeks ago, reaches a climax tonight and through the holiday week-end with coffee parties, teas, early-evening receptions and dances, dotting the social calendar much like clusters of glittering stars on a gaily-lighted Christmas tree.

Major and Mrs. Bruce Thompson are entertaining friends this evening at their home on St. Charles Street. Among the guests will be Lt. Col. and Mrs. A. V. Chase, Col. and Mrs. W. Hird, Mrs. F. D. Mara, Miss Denise Mara, Mr. Hans Gruber, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. G. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Worsfold, Lt. Col. and Mrs. H. W. Laws, Maj. and Mrs. C. J. Houghton, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Roffey.

Sixty young guests have been invited by Miss Clare Greene to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Green, 946 Oliver Street, for cocktails this evening. Miss Greene will be assisted in receiving her guests, who will include many fellow students at University of British Columbia, by Misses Robin Strepton, Barbara Cox and Joan Haldane.

On Christmas Day, Mrs. J. R. Parris and her daughter, Miss Orrie Parris, Island Road, will entertain at an informal party, to honor their house guest, Miss Nellie Reimer, who has come from Vancouver to spend the holiday season with them.

Sunday morning, Miss Joyce McPherson will be hostess to 30 young friends, at a coffee party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. McPherson, Weald Road. Miss Pam Fraser has been invited to preside at the coffee table and Miss Janice McColl will assist the hostess as serviteur.

Miss Patricia Cowan will be a tea hour hostess Sunday, at her home, 2038 Queenswood Drive, to honor Miss Mary Joan Williams, whose marriage to Mr. Anthony Llewellyn Lloyd will take place next week. Miss Cowan has invited Mrs. Humphrey D. Williams, mother of the bride-elect, to preside at the tea table.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wright are among those entertaining late-afternoon Sunday, at their home on Sea View Road, Ten Mile Point.

On Monday, Mr. O. H. Dorman will be host at an early-evening party at his home on Newport Avenue. He will be assisted in receiving guests by his daughters, Miss Marcia and Miss Roma Dorman.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McGimpsey have invited friends to an "at home" Monday afternoon from 3 until 5 o'clock, at their home, 403 Government Street. Mrs. Barbara McGimpsey and Miss Marilyn Schl will assist the host and hostess as serviteurs.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Horsey

have chosen early-evening Tuesday, to entertain friends at their home on Joan Crescent.

After-six Tuesday, the nursing officer and officers of the nursing branch, H.M.C.S. Naden are entertaining at a sherry party in the nurses' residence.

Many buffet suppers, dinners, and parties, have been arranged, prior to the Snowball Frolic sponsored by the Queen Alexandra Solarium Junior League, in the Crystal Ballroom at the Empress Hotel on Monday evening, and the Sub-Deb Christmas Ball, also in the Crystal Ballroom, at the Empress Hotel on Tuesday evening.

Early-evening Tuesday, a children's Christmas fancy dress party is being held at the Empress Hotel.

Miss Yvonne Love, Miss Monica Frith and Miss P. Paulin, have invited friends to an informal party next Wednesday evening, at their home on Haywood Avenue.

Misses Ann and Judith Dundas will be tea hour hostesses, Wednesday afternoon, at the home of their parents, Hon. R. S. Dundas and Mrs. Dundas, 786 Island Road. The Misses Dundas have come from Vancouver to spend the holiday with their parents.

Mr. John Preston, who returned from Vancouver where he is attending University of B.C., to spend Christmas with his parents, Brig. and Mrs. J. F. Preston, Cadboro Bay Road, will entertain friends at cocktails, next Thursday evening.

### Important Gains Made In 1948 By Many British Women

LONDON (CP)—Women of Britain—particularly women of the Royal Family—won a large share of the limelight during 1948.

Public interest centred chiefly upon Princess Elizabeth, first as she settled down to married life with the Duke of Edinburgh; later when it was known all over the world that she was to become a mother. The universal excitement evoked when the young Prince of Edinburgh was born on a misty November night marked the climax to an eventful year for the King's elder daughter.

It was also a significant year for the winsome Princess Margaret, now in her 19th year. After her sister's marriage Margaret took on many public engagements that would normally have fallen to Elizabeth and in so doing emerged as Britain's youngest leader of fashion.

The public was surprised when Margaret, early this year, began wearing the very latest "New Look" clothes. Their surprise arose from the fact that hitherto members of the Royal Family had clung tenaciously to wartime styles and in particular to the cloth-saving short skirt.

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**HORIZONTAL**

1. 7 Pictured  
13. Evade  
14. Unstable  
15. Low tide  
16. Unoccupied  
17. Handle  
20. Vase  
21. Severed  
23. Brown  
24. White  
25. Laughter sound  
26. Part of "ee"  
28. Curium  
29. Victim of leprosy,  
31. Observer  
32. Scarf  
34. Dove's call  
35. Staff  
37. Natural fat  
40. Hebrew deity  
41. Compass point  
42. Concerning  
43. Negative reply  
44. Watertight place  
45. Watens  
51. Belongs to it  
52. Pong  
54. Pull  
55. Give forth  
56. Dinner course  
58. Blind  
60. Condescends  
61. Sermon

**VERTICAL**

1. By hand  
2. Opposed  
3. Horse color  
4. Tilt  
5. Hand (ab.)  
6. Contingent  
7. Mirth  
8. Sun god  
9. Famed hair  
10. Suggest  
11. French region  
12. Interior  
17. Doctor (ab.)  
18. Lustrous (ab.)  
21. She recently  
married her  
22. They are noted  
25. Egret

27. Bill  
30. Cooking vessel  
32. Small child  
33. Defeated  
35. Very high  
36. List  
38. Lure  
45. Against  
47. Poem  
48. Abraham's  
home  
49. Samaritan  
(symbol)  
50. Female sheep (pl.)  
51. Mohammedan  
chief  
52. Unit of energy  
53. Tree  
57. Half an em  
59. Nickel (symbol)

(Answer to previous puzzle)

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## Yule Atmosphere Features Comedy By Little Theatre

Victoria Little Theatre presented "December Dilemma" to an enthusiastic audience Monday and Tuesday night. The play, written by Vivienne Chadwick of Victoria and directed by E. L. W. Ritchie, was a comedy played in the spirit of fun and burlesque with a touch of old Christmas pantomime.

Hector Crombie gave a good portrayal of the super-salesman, J. Pilkington. Both Mr. and Mrs. Claus, played by Arthur Partidge and Olive Parkinson, established the old fashioned Christmas spirit. In contrast, Claus Junior and Miss Pooks, portrayed by Pat Campbell-Rodger and J. Meryl Campbell, gave a new twist to the traditional theme with their introduction of telephones and airplanes.

The colored servant Muffett was well portrayed by Marie Couper, while J. Burroughs and A. Schipper presented pleasing performances as Jollyboy and Gooch, the helpmates of Santa.

Before and after the play, Tableaux Vivants with chorus were presented. The tableaux, under the direction of Laura Lukyn were played by Kay Roberts, Marlene Mathews, Aubrey Proctor, E. Jubb, D. Eagles, C. Hollins, Zeralda Cramer, Joyce Boulter, Tricia Whitting, Len McCann, Barbara Smith, Mona Greer, Gert Cunningham and Mary Farmer.

In the choristers under the direction of Doris Bagshawe and accompanied by Mildred Duncan, were Betty Kennedy, Doris Bagshawe, John Bray, Holly Frances and Lola Lamb.

Costumes were under the supervision of Dorothy Whyte.

After the program, H. Davis, president of the Little Theatre, presented the gifts of toys, food and clothing to Mrs. Dillabough for the children of the B.C. Protestant Orphanage.

## Where To Go Tonight

**ATLAS**—Ronald Howard in "While the Sun Shines."  
**CAPITOL**—Red Skelton in "A Southern Yankee."  
**DOMINION**—Roy Rogers in "Nighttime in Nevada."  
**ODEON**—"Girl From Manhattan," starring Dorothy Lamour.  
**PLAZA**—"Blood and Sand," starring Anthony Quinn.  
**ROYAL**—Walt Disney's "Melody Time."  
**YORK INTERNATIONAL**—John Bromfield in "Harpoon."

## CAPITOL THEATRE

If all battles were like the ones fought by Red Skelton in "A Southern Yankee," now on view at the Capitol Theatre, wars would be a pleasure!

For there never has been as funny a soldier as the one portrayed by M-G-M's unrivaled comedian in this howling travesty of Aubrey Filmore, the punning and blundering bellhop determined to become a member of the union's secret service and to track down the south's most dangerous and elusive spy, the Gray Spider.

## ODEON THEATRE

If there is any doubt about the versatility of Charles Laughton as an actor, it was settled by the satisfaction of all on the set for "The Girl From Manhattan," currently at the Odeon Theatre.

Dorothy Lamour and George Montgomery also play leading roles in the production. Laughton plays the role of a genial bishop whose duties include the keeping of the newest protegee out of harm's way, helping lift a mortgage and smiling on romance.

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## Comedian Termed "Dog's Best Friend"

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Vancouver's Alan Young, who calls himself "dog's best friend," had his day at the city animal shelter Thursday—and so did a lot of happy kids and pooches.

For the fourth year, the radio comic made his appearance at the animal shelter and carried out his custom of helping homeless dogs and dogless kids. He paid up pound fees on pooches collected by the city's dog catchers and gave them to boys and girls as Christmas presents.

Twenty-five delighted children walked out of the animal shelter with new pets.

## ATLAS THEATRE

Making his first film appearance in "While the Sun Shines," now at the Atlas Theatre, is Ronald Howard, son of the late Leslie Howard, who gave up a journalistic career to play the leading role in this screen version of the record-breaking Terence Rattigan play.

Hearing that Ronald was demobilized after serving in the Royal Navy, Anatole de Gruenwald, producer of "While the Sun Shines," persuaded him to make a screen test. The result of the test was an immediate contract to play the role of able seaman the Earl of Harpenden in "While the Sun Shines."

## Musical Program At Rotary Meeting

A program of favorite songs highlighted the annual Christmas meeting of the Rotary Club held Thursday in the Empress Hotel. The meeting was well attended by members and their wives.

Artists taking part were: Mrs. Jessie Lake, soprano; Arthur Stringer, baritone, and Al Smith, pianist. Rudolph Hartman was announcer for this part of the program.

Community singing of Christmas carols was led by Dr. Frank Harwood and members participated in a distribution of Christmas turkeys.

## ROYAL THEATRE

Outstanding, colorful and mirthful is the Ethel Smith sequence in Walt Disney's "Melody Time," in color by Technicolor, which is now at the Royal Theatre. Remarkably blended with the live action of the bewitching organist are performances by the cartoon characters Donald Duck and Jose Carioca, plus the Aracuan Bird, a new comer to the Disney list of whimsical creatures.

Miss Smith, featured in the Samba sequence, does not only a dynamic organ specialty and a spell at the drums, but also mingles in the antics of the three Disney characters.

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## Rich Fare, Colored Lights As Navy Enjoys Christmas

"Mmm—what more could you ask," say the men of the R.C.N. as they look at their Christmas menu.

It's an all-out effort on the part of the navy cooks on Christmas Day and the menu reads: "Stuffed celery, giblet soup, roast turkey, sausage dressing, cranberry sauce, baked Virginia ham, roast or creamed potatoes, brussels sprouts, peas, pickles, plum pudding, mince tarts, Christmas cake, assorted nuts, fresh fruits, tea and coffee."

At sea or ashore, the R.C.N. will see that Christmas is properly observed.

At the headquarters is the green of the Christmas tree and from the yardarms spread the bright glow of many-colored lights.

As the biggest ship of Pacific Command, the cruiser Ontario carries the most decoration.

The belligerent sight of the six-inch turrets fore and aft is almost lost amidst the foliage of brilliantly-lit evergreens.

The messdecks are gay with the festooning of the traditional red and green decorations.

Not so very far away are the destroyers of the Pacific Fleet. Each member of the crew has taken up the challenge to make his the most festive ship on the coast.

At the training centre, H.M.C.S. Naden, no Christmas spirit is missing and the gaiety of Yuletide is as evident as anywhere in the Esquimalt naval base.

The executive of the Real Estate Board of Victoria have issued a circular requesting members of the board to observe the Christmas season by remaining closed on Dec. 25, 26 and 27.

## Government Leaders Extend Greetings

Premier Byron I. Johnson today issued the following Yuletide message to the people of British Columbia:

"At this festive season, I think it is the responsibility of every Canadian to be mindful of the needs of others.

"We in the western hemisphere are indeed more fortunate than those who are still suffering from the after effects of war. The peoples of Europe, and particularly of Great Britain, are doing a courageous job of rebuilding their lost homes and bolstering up their economy so they may once again occupy their position in world affairs.

"I feel that we Canadians who are so fortunate in having adequate food supplies and comfortable homes to live in, should be conscious of the great sacrifices that are being endured by those who not only have suffered the harrowing experiences of five years of war but who are faced with the exceedingly trying and exacting conditions made necessary by the austerity program.

"I trust that as we enjoy the Christmas season, that enjoyment will be more rich and satisfying



PREMIER BYRON JOHNSON



HON. HERBERT ANSCOMB

by the knowledge that each and every person has done something to alleviate the discomforts of the people of Great Britain and on the continent."

Hon. Herbert Anscomb's message follows:

"I am very glad of the opportunity to extend good wishes to all the people of British Columbia. We have been very fortunate, living in this province during the last few years—enjoying full employment and prosperity, with none of the world's difficulties of shortages and other problems to

face; but I doubt very much if we all realize how lucky we have been because, as a people, we are inclined to take too much for granted. One has but to see what conditions are in England and read what they have been and still are in Europe, to make us realize how well off we are.

"British Columbia has experienced, during the last six or seven years, perhaps the greatest extension period in its history. A very large influx of new citizens has come into the province, virtually all of them Canadian citizens from other parts of the Dominion, indicating the desire of our own people to come westward. This is all to the good.

"From a governmental viewpoint, we have gone forward in an extremely progressive way, doing everything possible to further industry—without which no prosperity at all can be ours—and at the same time we have pursued that great humanitarian program for which this government has been noted, so that all classes of our citizens have been benefited, either directly or indirectly."

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

A complete color and size selection of ladies' super-fine, full fashioned sweaters, made in Scotland, have just arrived. The perfect Christmas gift. Gidden's, 809 Government Street (next to the Belmont Bldg.).

All books drastically reduced at The Hunter Bookshop, 1123 Langley Street. E 2011. \*\*\*

A salvage collection for Oak Bay, Shoal Bay and Uplands. E 3413. \*\*\*

Alcoholics Anonymous. Confidential assistance on drink problems. P.O. Box 1, Victoria, B.C. \*\*\*

An invitation to all societies to inspect the new Newstead Realty Hall, 734 Fort Street. Available for meetings and social functions. Make your reservations early. \*\*\*

Business People's Special Luncheon, 50c, served daily, 12 noon to 2 p.m. The Nutshell, 617 Fort Street. \*\*\*

Christmas Day Service at First Baptist Church, 11 to 11:30 a.m. \*\*\*

Christmas Concert and Santa Claus, the Salvation Army Citadel, 757 Pandora Avenue, Monday, Dec. 27, 7:45 p.m. Come and spend a great night with the children. \*\*\*

Chiroprapist, W. J. Fraser, D.S.C., 201 Pemberton Bldg. B 3252. \*\*\*

Chiroprapist D. B. Caird, D.S.C., 218 Pemberton Bldg. Phone B 3732. \*\*\*

Dance at Goldstream every Wednesday night. Modern and old time. Mrs. Bowes' Orchestra, 9:30 to 1. \*\*\*

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Get your Ronson lighter repaired while you wait. Metacraft Lighter Repairs, 703 Fort Street at Kilburger's the Jewelers. \*\*\*

Give "him" a gift certificate for a dashing new hat from the Victoria Hat Company, 712 View Street. \*\*\*

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J. M. Sturdy, D.C., Specific Chiropractor, New location, 1123 Blanshard Street. E 5034. \*\*\*

La Barr's—A last-minute suggestion—Give Mother or Grandmother a pretty English wool cardigan. Price, \$5.95. Sizes 20 to 46. 732 Fort Street. \*\*\*

Learn Hairdressing—Fall class now starting. Operators in demand. Victoria Hairdressing School, 738 Fort Street (over Kent's Ltd). \*\*\*

League of Roses banquet and entertainment Dec. 29, 7:45 p.m. Tickets \$1.50 each. Obtainable by phoning the secretary, E 5356. \*\*\*

Malahat Chalet open daily except Mondays, serving breakfast, afternoon teas, fried chicken and steak dinners. \*\*\*

Mrs. A. Norris, Caterer, takes this opportunity of wishing her patrons, old and new, a special wish for a very Happy Yuletide Season, and Greetings for the New Year of 1949. \*\*\*

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The Hunter Bookshop, 1123 Langley Street, has received shipment of interesting books. Many suitable for Christmas gifts. Phone E 2011. \*\*\*

Victoria's championship bridge tournament (over \$100 cash prizes), commences Jan. 24. Entry forms at Junior Chamber of Commerce office, Black Ball Ferry Wharf. \*\*\*

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Winning Numbers, Knights of Pythias turkey draw: 4081, 2434, 4197, 1662, 2923, 3814, 598, 4062, 3777, 214, 4943, 582, 770, 671. \*\*\*

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## Boys Behind The Bars To Get Turkey For Christmas

By ROY THORSEN

Present "guests" and others who get "jugged" for misconduct and crime tonight and will have to spend Christmas Day behind the bars in the city lockup, will not find the day entirely stripped of its Yuletide features.

George Courtis, of the cafe in the Public Market building, was called into a huddle in the police station yesterday and quizzed on what he was going to serve up for the temporary guests in the way of Christmas food.

George, who is also the chef, has the jailhouse meal contract. He was considerably perturbed about the way turkey prices had skyrocketed this year and the price he gets from the city per meal.

"Last year the turkey was about 45 cents a pound and now it's up to 67 and 72 cents," he complained. George was giving chicken a good build-up, implying it would be just as good for the occasion, but it was finally decided the noon meal will be a turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

"And I'll serve ham and eggs for breakfast," the cafe manager volunteered. Probably, if it wasn't for the fact he has to prepare the Christmas spread, George might have offered to dress up as a full-bearded Santa Claus for the occasion.

Today the population of the lockup was whittled to three or four due to departures of prisoners—drunks and other offenders—who will spend Christmas on the inside looking out, at Oakalla Prison Farm.

There's a good possibility the jailhouse will have a much fuller appearance before the dawn of Christmas as a result of Christmas Eve merry-making.

If the "over-loaded" can manage to navigate sufficiently in the morning they'll be given their liberty. This is the usual practice on Christmas morn.

## No Turkey Bones For Pets Is Plea

The S.P.C.A. issued its usual Christmas-New Year reminder to animal owners today: "Please don't feed your pets turkey and chicken bones."

They pointed out that the bones of fowl splinter easily and a dog or cat can be fatally injured chewing and swallowing them.

Should the pup or puss get his teeth into one accidentally, the advice is to watch the animal closely, and if it appears to be in difficulty, keep it quiet and get it to a veterinarian as soon as possible.

## Bridge

### SHUN OPENING LEAD TO WIN CONTRACT

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY  
America's Card Authority

One of the most beautiful trophies in bridge went into competition at the national championships tournament at the Roney Plaza Hotel in Miami Beach, Fla., this month. The trophy has been presented by Mrs. Helen Pendleton Rockwell of Warren, Pa., for the masters' mixed pair championship.

Mrs. Rockwell has won several bridge championships and is planning to participate in the national tournament this month. She gives an example of a fine hold-up play in today's hand.

I am sure that many players would make the grave mistake of winning the opening lead of the deuce of diamonds with the ace. After all, it is nice to capture queens with aces, but if South does this, the contract will not be made. After the trumps are picked up and the club finesse taken, East will win it with a diamond. West will win it with

well won this with the ace, took two rounds of trumps, then played the jack of clubs. It lost to East's king, but now there was no way to get West in the lead to come through the heart. East made a good try. He returned a club, but then Mrs. Rockwell was able to discard the three and four of hearts on the two long clubs in dummy. Thus she lost only one heart trick.

## H B C Buyer Returns From European Markets



HAROLD E. KEITH

In the interest of all the Hudson's Bay Company stores, Harold E. Keith has just returned from an extended buying trip on which he covered the British markets and markets on the continent. Before returning to Victoria, where he is Manager of Women's Coats, Suits, Dresses and Sportswear departments, Mr. Keith remained for some weeks in the Eastern Canadian markets.

Mr. Keith found the European markets working at a fast tempo in an effort to get back in to the export market quickly, streamlining their operation to Canadian and American standards and, on the whole, doing an excellent job.



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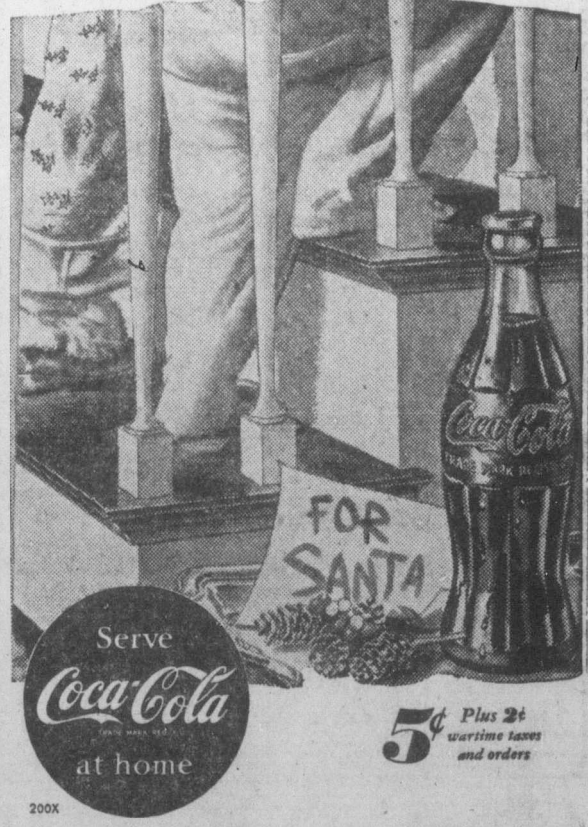
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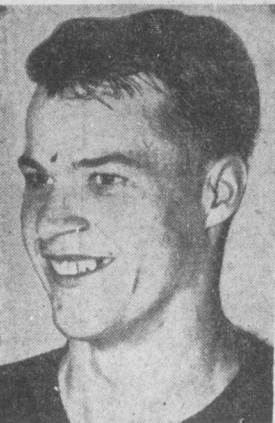
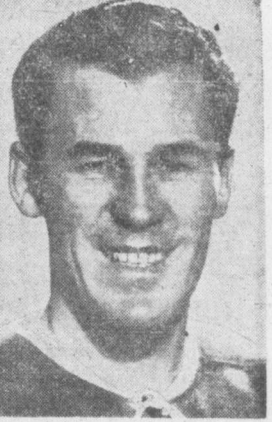
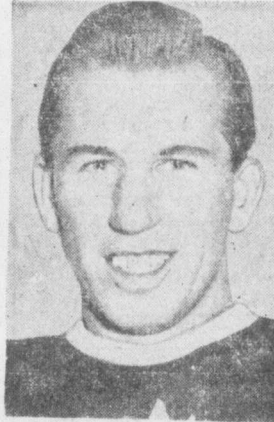
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## Rangers Win Opening Battle Under Patrick

Any doubts that defenceman Allan Stanley wouldn't live up to his press clippings when New York laid a bundle of cash and players on the line for him two weeks ago have vanished in that short space of time.

Since this solid citizen of Timmons, Ont., joined the Blueshirts camp from Providence Reds of the American Hockey League the Rangers have lost only one of their last six games, winning four and gaining a draw in the other.

With new coach Lynn Patrick at the helm Rangers stepped into the lair of the goal-hungry Chicago Black Hawks last night to shade the tribesmen 3 to 2 in one of two contests on the N.H.L. menu, Montreal Cana-

	W.	L.	T.	F.	A.	Pts.
Detroit	14	10	2	81	70	30
Boston	13	10	3	82	68	29
Chicago	12	12	2	87	97	26
Montreal	10	9	5	65	51	25
Toronto	8	12	6	64	77	22
N. York	7	11	6	55	71	20

diens moved to within one point of the third-place Hawks by whipping Boston 4 to 2 in the other fixture.

Stanley made the plays for two of the New York goals and turned in a superb defensive game alongside partner Wally Stanowski.

As was the case when goalie Emile (the cat) Francis, substituting for the injured Chuck Rayner, made his season's debut in the big league against Montreal last Sunday night, the Cat had a shutout with only a few minutes of the last period to go.

## TWO QUICK GOALS

With the New Yorkers coasting home on a 3 to 0 lead and only five minutes remaining, Philadelphia, 8.

## Hockey Summaries

**CANADIENS-BOSTON**  
First Period—1, Montreal, Richard (Campana, Pilon), 11:29. Penalties: Richard, 6:15; 3, Montreal, Richard (Campana, Laycoe), 15:08. Penalties: None.  
Third Period—4, Boston, Ronty (Smith), 2:42; 3, Montreal, Reay (Harvey), 4:45; 6, Montreal, Dussault (Reay), 8:40. Penalty: Dussault.  
**RANGERS-CHICAGO**  
First Period—1, New York, Laprade (Lawick, Lund), 2:16. Penalties: Siewart.  
Second Period—2, New York, Fisher (Mickoski, Stanley), 18:33. Penalties: McClellan, 2:1, Siewart.  
Third Period—3, New York, O'Connor (Stanley), 6:08; 4, Chicago, Mosenko (Brenley, Gaudy), 15:41; 3, Chicago, Bodnar (Stewart), 18:42.

## Tacoma Rockets In Third Straight Win Over Portland

Tacoma cornered its favorite whipping-boy last night and handed Portland a 3 to 1 hockey thrashing in the Eagles' rink last night. It was the Rockets' third straight over the Eagles.

With Pacific Coast Hockey League president Al Leader on hand, the game was orderly, almost gentle. Contrast this with the last meeting between the clubs when the violence reached such proportions that for a moment the U.N. Security Council was ready to take cognizance.

In the only other fracas last night, Fresno's Falcons fastened a 4 to 2 defeat on the San Diego Skyhawks.

The win moved the Falcons within one point of the Oakland Oaks, the team which bumped them off the southern division apex earlier in the week.

**Bapco Cup Golf At Uplands Club Monday**  
Uplands Club will be the scene of the seniors Bapco Cup golf Monday.

Members of the Uplands Club may invite seniors from other clubs and arrange own partners and starting times. Entries may be made at the Pro shop.

Competition will be 18 holes medal on full handicap. The Bapco Cup was donated by Carl Pendray.

## Top Minor Hockey

FORT WORTH, Tex. (CP)—St. Paul took over first place in the United States Hockey League's northern division here Thursday night with a 6 to 2 victory over Fort Worth.

Philadelphia — Otis Graham, 150, Philadelphia, outpointed George Larover, 148, Philadelphia, 8.

## O'Connor Named Canada's Top Athlete

## Noses Out Keith Spait In Yearly Poll; Eddie Haddad Mentioned

TORONTO (CP)—Canadian sports editors thumbed through 1948 records of the Dominion's male athletes and put the finger today on Buddy O'Connor, New York Rangers' centre in the National Hockey League, as the year's outstanding performer.

He won by five points over Keith Spait, Calgary Stampeder's quarterback.

It was a year in which few individual male athletes stood out—in direct contrast to the international honours swept by Ottawa's Barbara Ann Scott in

figure-skating—and this was apparent in the annual year-end Canadian Press poll. Thirty-one editors nominated 31 athletes for the award.

They didn't, however, give a vote to Joe (King) Krol of Toronto Argonauts who won the title the last two years.

## CLOSE RACE

Spait's first-place duel with Montreal-born O'Connor was one of the closest since the poll was inaugurated 16 years ago.

Editors were asked to name the three outstanding athletes, in

order of preference (amateur or professional) and results were tabulated on a 3-2-1 point system. The final reckoning: O'Connor, 31 points, manufactured by eight first, three seconds and one third; Spait, 26 points, from six firsts, three seconds and two thirds. Another hockey-football player battle developed for the third slot, ending in a 14-point tie between Syl Apps and Tony Golab.

Choice of 31-year-old O'Connor was achieved by his season's performance when he won both the Hart (valuable player) and Lady Byng (most gentlemanly player)

trophies—the first time a player has taken both the same season.

Just three hours' work in the Nov. 27 east-west football final at Toronto shot Spait into the nation's sports eye. His reputation was established in the west where he won the Jeff Nicklin Memorial Trophy as the most valuable player to his team in the Western Interprovincial Union, but he was a comparative unknown in eastern Canada.

Two N.H.L. players, Toronto's Turk Broda and Elmer Lach of Montreal Canadiens, followed Apps and Golab in the balloting.

Broda, Vezina trophy winner awarded to the goalkeeper with the season's best goals-against record, polled 12 points and Lach 11.

Boxing nominees—Eddie Haddad from Victoria and Arthur King from Toronto—were next in line. Haddad, 21-year-old Canadian lightweight champion, picked by the Amateur Athletic Union for the Norton H. Crow Memorial Trophy award as the outstanding amateur, received 10 points. King, British Empire lightweight titleholder, polled eight.

## Mack Will Remain In Baseball Until 'Brains Wear Out'

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Connie Mack, 86, Thursday, said he wouldn't retire "until my brains wear out" and predicted a 1949 American League pennant for the world champion Cleveland Indians.

As he blew out a single candle and cut a huge 50-pound birthday cake, the owner-manager of the Philadelphia Athletics stood erect as ever. His mental reactions are rapid and modern. His outlook on life is youthful.

He had but one ambition—another pennant for his A's.

"But not in 1949," Mack said sadly. "Cleveland will win it."

What's wrong with the A's?

"Nothing," Connie smiled. "Nothing that a slugging outfielder and two fast, hitting infielders would not fix."

"The only reason I don't come out and say the Athletics will have a chance to win the pennant next year is because we're slow on the field."

## DOUBLE PLAYS HURT

"Half of my team are slow base runners and the side gets retired by a double play when I least expect it."

Then Connie put aside the cake-cutting knife, smiled affectionately at his sons, Earle, Roy and Connie Jr., standing by his side and said earnestly: "I really want to give Philadelphia fans a championship team before my brains wear out."

But listen to Mack rave about Cleveland: "The Indians have the best infield and pitching staff in major league baseball today. Dale Mitchell, next to Boston's Ted Williams, is the top left-fielder in the business. Centre-fielder Larry Doby has only Joe DiMaggio as a peer and Cleveland has enough reserves to fill the other outfield spot four times."

## Trundlers Take Things Easy Over Yule Period

By BILL WALKER

Things as a whole will be quieter at Gibson's Bowldrome over the next 10 days as the keggers turn their talents from the pin-spilling to the business of enjoying the festive season.

However, a number of the leagues—mainly the midweek variety—will carry on through the yuletide period notable among these being the Senior and Commercial Tenpin circuits. For good reason Friday night bowling as an organized effort will be strictly taboo.

The big holiday "do" at the Yates Street emporium of Harry Stuart is the tenpin sweepstakes event set for Boxing Day, Monday at 2. Forty of the best in the city will be shooting for the \$70 first prize, results to be judged on five games across five alleys with scratch set at 180.

## UNDEFEATED LEADERS

Slades have taken over as the pacesetters in the Commercial Tenpin League as the result of a perfect six for six record in the first two weeks of the second half.

Duffy's Cafe and Farbit Homes are tied for second place, one game behind while Tilliums, the first half champs, snapped out of their recent lethargy to sweep three games from Hoyle Brown during the week and climb into undisputed fourth position.

Pacing the clubmen's victory string was league secretary Dick Donaldson with a three-game skunk of 576. Rom Knott also had a good night with 556 while Art Worth's 551 was the best Slade's could muster.

## PAULING IN FORM

Harold Pauling, who is crowding Andy Palmer for the Senior Tenpin averages title, was the only tenpinner to hit the 600 mark in the Senior League getting a 611 total for Stubby's. The effort didn't pay off as Stubby's ended up in a three-way tie with first half champions, Strathcona, and Smiling Ben's in the league cellar.

However, it was only the first week of play in the second half and Watson's, Toggery and Harknett Fuel have just a one-game margin on which to work. Jack Howell of Toggery will be asking Santa Claus where

## Reorganize Mexican Pro Ball Circuit

SAN LUIS POTOSI, Mex. (AP)

—The reorganized Mexican Baseball League will meet in Monterey next month to plan the 1949 schedule.

Dr. Quijano Pitman, league president, said probably eight and possibly nine teams will play in the circuit.

Last season, when the circuit was bossed by Jorge Pasquel, the clubs dwindled from six to four, and the league folded in mid-season. Clubs blamed costly imported players and Pasquel's "dictatorship" for the failure.

## Rugby, Soccer Holiday Sports

McKechnie Cup rugby and an all-star soccer game are the Boxing Day highlights on the holiday sports card for Victorians Monday.

Victoria's Crimson Tide and Vancouver Lions as represented by North Shore All-Blacks will battle it out in the rugby cup game at Macdonald Park at 2.30 in the first game of the annual series between Vancouver, Victoria and Varsity.

The local squad is given a good chance against the mainland aggregation, even though the Lions will rule slight favorites on the strength of having played as a unit through the present season.

Premier Byron Johnson will kick off.

## SOCCER

The soccer attraction set for Athletic Park at 2.15 is in aid of the injured players fund and will find the District League All-Stars as handled by Doug Gent and Bob Preston out to stop Roy Barnes' United of the Pacific Coast League.

United's line-up will differ little from the one that regularly starts Coast League matches.

Members of the referees board have given their services to the game. George Barnes will referee with Hank Casilio and Maurice Speller as linesmen.

## SOCCER

BENEFIT GAME FOR THE INJURED PLAYERS' FUND  
VICTORIA UNITED vs. VICTORIA DISTRICT LEAGUE ALL-STARS  
ROYAL ATHLETIC PARK  
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CONCESSION STAND WILL BE OPEN  
ADULTS 50¢ — CHILDREN 10¢

## Eleven May Start In Christmas Day Swim

Jim McCague, president of the V.A.S.C., said Thursday the entry list for the club's annual Christmas Day swim in the inner harbor tomorrow at 11, may reach 11 by starting time for the event.

Seven "polar bears" have already signified their intention of taking part in the 50-yard handicap race with defending champion Len Coverdale on hand to defend his laurels.

All competitors are asked to report to the Crystal Garden by 10.30 when final handicapping will be announced.

Officials are: Judges, George Warren, Gordon Barrie; clerk of course, George Brown; starter and handicapper, Bill Robertson.

## Gil Dobie, Famed U.S. Grid Coach, Hears Final Whistle

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—J. Gilmour (Gil) Dobie, one of the famed football coaches of the United States, died last night at The Institute of Living. He was 70 years old.

During the last 10 years of his career, which ended of his own accord at Boston College in 1938, he had the means to live comfortably while supervising the higher education of his two daughters and son, who had been motherless for about a decade.

In retirement he followed his beloved game from a seat high in the stadium, more like a surgeon observing a younger colleague operate in a clinic than as a common spectator.

Undeclared seasons were commonplace with Dobie. He started with eleven consecutive undefeated campaigns, at North Dakota Agricultural College and the University of Washington. After he went east several of his Cornell teams turned in perfect seasons.

He was born at Hastings, Minn., Jan. 31, 1879. At the University of Minnesota he became a star football and baseball player. He was an end on the Minnesota team in 1899 and a quarterback in 1900 and 1901, when the Gophers, under Dr. H. L. Williams, won the Western Conference championship.

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## Bridgeport Veterans Back In Hockey Loop

WATERLOO CP) — Bridgeport Veterans were tentatively readmitted into the North Waterloo Senior Rural Hockey Association last night after a meeting of the loop's four clubs settled a dispute that left the Vets expulsion Tuesday.

The move depends on agree-

ment of present league officials, all of whom were not present at the meeting.

Bridgeport was ousted from the league after president Ray Forwell charged them with playing an ineligible player, using rough tactics and not co-operating.

Legal action, which the team threatened if they were not permitted to continue operating in the group, was held up pending further developments.



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## New Regulations Governing Use Of Salmon Roe For Steelheads

By ROY THORSEN

Anglers can use salmon roe for steelhead trout fishing during the months of December, January and February in any non-tidal waters of Vancouver Island... with the exception of the Cowichan and Koksilah Rivers and their tributaries.

This is the new amendment which has been incorporated in the British Columbia fresh water fishing regulations reported today by Game Warden Don Keirs.

However, it must be remembered that the use of roe, any compound of fish roe, oil or other related substances for general trout fishing is illegal.

Some steels have already been taken in Cowichan River. Keirs advises the angling public that Dec. 31 is the date when current fishing licenses expire... so if you're going after the steelhead in the new year a new license is required.

### TWO YULE SHOOT

Sport for the hunting clan over the holiday week-end can be had at the Goldstream Park clubhouse site of the Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association and the Albert Head Road layouts of the Victoria Gun Club.

Clay-pigeon shooting competitions are the offering. The Victoria Gun Club show will start Sunday at 1 in the afternoon. Here the "65 and Over" group will start action for the first time and all buttons of the club will be reshot for on the trap and skeet layouts.

Turkey prizes are the main feature of the Boxing Day big shoot scheduled by the fish-game

club at the Goldstream site on Monday. The program will open at 10 in the morning and continue throughout the day. Refreshments will be served in the clubhouse.

The public is invited to attend and join in the shooting contests at both sites.

Lee Hallberg, vice-president of the Cowichan Bay Salmon Club, has been busy gathering important material which the club can use in its arguments protesting the proposed changes in sport fishing regulations in British Columbia tidal waters.

He has presented his report to Bucky Kennett, president.

The report in part reads: "Two years ago I made a trip on a commercial fishing boat from Campbell River to Alert Bay, Bull Harbor, Fisherman's Bay and Cape Scott."

"I was amazed at the number and size of the seine boats encountered on this trip. Later that year I made a trip up the West Coast of the island to Ucluelet and watched the coast commercial fishing fleet in action."

### WANTS COMMERCIAL QUOTA

"And it seems to me the only solution to prevent another situation similar to that which existed in our logging industry prior to control and reforestation regulations being instituted by the Provincial government will be a yearly tonnage quota per boat."

"The size of seiners equipped with depth sounders, ship-to-ship

telephone and modern scientific methods can eventually deplete our salmon stock to such an extent that the commercial fishing will no longer be our third greatest industry and a tourist attraction."

"The department of fisheries will have to work out a joint agreement with the United States such as the existing agreement between Canada and the United States regarding halibut fishing," Hallberg concludes, his report also containing figures pertaining to the heavy commercial take from the island saltchuck in comparison to the paltry score by the sport angler, using Cowichan Bay and area sport catches as an example.

### WINTER SPRINGS

Winter springs from Indian Bay to the Brentwood ferry wharf and the mouth of Todd Inlet have been taken by several anglers over the last two weeks. Capt. Cruchley, who rates this fishing as the best of the year, has a score of 120 pounds of salmon for the month of December.

Harry Gilbo also reports Ken Bodington, his son Jim, Roy Smith and T. Alexander have had exceedingly good luck since last Saturday... the inlet is also offering grise.

Victoria Gun Club officials report that the expensive shotgun owned by Arthur Pitts believed to have been stolen at last Sunday's shoot has been recovered. It was taken by mistake by a person who left his own gun.

## Crack Australian Thoroughbreds May Invade U.S. Tracks

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—

Three more crack Australian race horses may follow Shannon II to the United States in 1949. They are Filipino, Royal Gem and Sam Domenico.

Filipino is a five-year-old that probably is the best miler in Australia. Royal Gem, a six-year-old, has won 21 races and Sam Domenico, a three-year-old gelding, has won four times in five starts.

A. S. O'Neill, owner of Filipino, said he will take his horse to America in May for west coast racing. He said Filipino is the ideal type for American racing.

Filipino won the Sydney Villiers Stakes last Saturday, one of Australia's major events. He carried top weight of 130 pounds and won by a length. His time from a standing start for one mile and 15 feet was 1:37.45.

An American syndicate is reported bidding for Royal Gem and reports around Australian tracks indicate the sale price may be \$100,000.

Ray Formosa, owner of Sam Domenico, plans to start his horse in sprint events during the next two months. Then he will decide on the American trip.

### Bio Training Camp

CLEVELAND (AP)—The Cleveland Indians announced plans Thursday to open a huge baseball training camp for 12 of their minor league clubs at Marianna, Fla., this spring.

It will be one big school for teams ranking from class A to class D, starting March 10 and continuing for six weeks.

During training, the Indians said, as many as 400 players and instructors will swarm over the seven diamonds and sliding pits now being set up.

Big Hank Greenberg and Coach Harold (Muddy) Ruel will be running the show, along with sharp-eyed scouts of the world champions' organization.

## Sports Round-Up

By HUGH FULLERTON JR.

NEW YORK (AP)—Ted Collins, owned of the New York Yankees (formerly Boston Yanks) was going into Philadelphia for the National League Football playoff game. When the train stopped at North Philly, Ted started to leave. At 30th Street he arose again, but Jack Mara, who knew there was still another station, stopped him.

"It's a long way into Philadelphia," Jack explained. "Yes," Ted sighed. "And it's a long way from the 40-yard line to the goal. We tried all season before we got there."

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### CLEANING THE CUFF

The office television fan comes up with this reason why it's better to watch basketball by video than in the Garden: "If you have a television set you can phone your bookie between games; if you haven't, the bookie probably has one for his customers."

### Juvenile Soccer

Originally scheduled as a preview to the United-All Stars match, the first division juvenile game Monday between Heaney's and Vets of France has been switched to lower Beacon Hill Park with the starting time remaining the same, 12:30.

In the other juvenile game Esquimalt A.A. will tangle with Esquimalt Meat Market at Bullen Park, Sunday at 2.

By Jeff Keate

### TIME OUT!



"Before you enter the ring tonight, Kid Eddie and I wanted to give you a few little Christmas gifts as a token of our esteem!"

## Stampeders Come From Behind To Defeat Edmonton

EDMONTON (CP)—Calgary Stampeders Thursday night came from behind to upset Edmonton Flyers 6 to 5 in a thrilling Western Canada Senior Hockey League game.

Down 4 to 2 at the end of the first period, the third place Stampeders tied it 5 to 5 in the second stanza and rapped in the only goal of the final frame. The victory put Stamps five points behind the second-place Flyers in league standings.

Dunc Grant, who leads the league scoring race, scored the winning goal at 15:46 of the final frame after Ken (Red) Hunter put in the tying marker late in the second period.

Bob Brownridge collected two goals for Stamps while Bunny Dame and Arch Scott were other marksmen.

Andy Clavechok did the hat trick in the first period and Bill Maher and Colin Kilburn took credit for Flyers' other two markers.

The game was delayed more than 20 minutes because Stamps' plane was late.

### WIDE OPEN HOCKEY

When play finally got under way, Flyers served early notice they were out for blood. They whacked in three goals unanswered by Stamps in the first nine minutes of play.

The first period was a wide-open session with both teams displaying dazzling speed. Dertell and Woodall played brilliantly in nets, Woodall showing some of his best form this season.

Stamps put on a drive near mid-session which netted them two goals in little more than four minutes and Flyers finished off the period with a fourth counter.

Clavechok, who won two points in the Canadian Press poll for the outstanding Canadian athlete of the year, celebrated the honor by driving home three markers in the first frame. He scored the opener at 1:42, got another, after Maher made good at 6:36, and banged in Flyers' fourth near the end of the period.

### TIDES

Dec.	Time	High	Low	Time	High	Low	Time	High	Low
23	1:40	3.7	2.3	8:16	13	5:7	20	3.6	6.1
24	2:20	3.0	1.4	9:11	17	4.5	...	...	...
25	...	...	...	10:15	9:21	3.4	...	...	...
26	...	...	...	10:42	8:18	2.3	...	...	...
27	...	...	...	11:09	9:18	1.5	...	...	...
28	5:37	8.2	1.35	8:51	13.0	9.9	19.59	7.9	...
29	6:09	9.2	2.36	9:11	13.6	10.0	20.28	8.6	...
30	7:23	9.9	3.15	9:12	20	9.6	21.35	9.8	...
31	6:45	9.8	2.25	9:21	15.5	9.9	21.15	9.8	...

### SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Dec.	Time	Standard Time	Dec.	Time	Standard Time
23	Rises 8:05 a.m.	sets 16:23 p.m.	29	Rises 8:05 a.m.	sets 16:23 p.m.
24	Rises 8:05 a.m.	sets 16:23 p.m.	30	Rises 8:05 a.m.	sets 16:23 p.m.
25	Rises 8:05 a.m.	sets 16:23 p.m.	31	Rises 8:05 a.m.	sets 16:23 p.m.

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## Nebraskan Wants To Know When Snow Melts In Victoria

With most of Canada under snow, it is no wonder some people in the United States think Victoria is snowed under, too. But George I. Warren, commissioner of the Victoria Publicity Bureau, will have none of this. He is seeing to it that persons with wrong ideas about Victoria's climate are put right without delay.

This morning, for instance, Mr. Warren received a wire addressed to the Victoria Chamber of Commerce from a man in Hastings, Nebraska. The wire asked: "When do the snows melt off the foothills in the high mountains on the coastal range north? Please wire collect."

Mr. Warren replied: "If referring to Rocky Mountains of British Columbia, snow starts melting usually latter part of April. Victoria on Vancouver Island has little or no snow. Weather today sunny and warm. Sure, the reply was sent collect. After all, if a man is going

to go around thinking Victoria has snow, he's got to pay some kind of penalty!

## Garden Hose Used To Quell House Fire

Using the garden hose, 15-year-old John Greaves, Helmcken Road, saved his home from burning down Thursday evening. He spotted smoke and fire edging from the roof and used the hose to quash the danger.

He stayed on the job until firemen and equipment arrived. This was the Naval Dockyard fire department crew headed by Capt. G. I. Lay. The fire officer credited the quick action of the lad with saving the house.

View Royal residents are grateful to the naval fire department for its service in the emergency. Constable Jack Lockie of the B.C. Police reported.

Damage to the house was chiefly from smoke and water.

A program of Christmas music will be presented by the choir at Centennial United Church Sunday evening. Taking part as soloist will be Mrs. F. Leech, Mrs. A. H. Sheard, J. Almond and S. Swetnam.

## Easier Time This Week For National Employment Office

The National Employment Service office here is settling back to enjoy a relatively slack period following the hectic task of filling Christmas demands for temporary help. C. A. Mudge, manager, reported today.

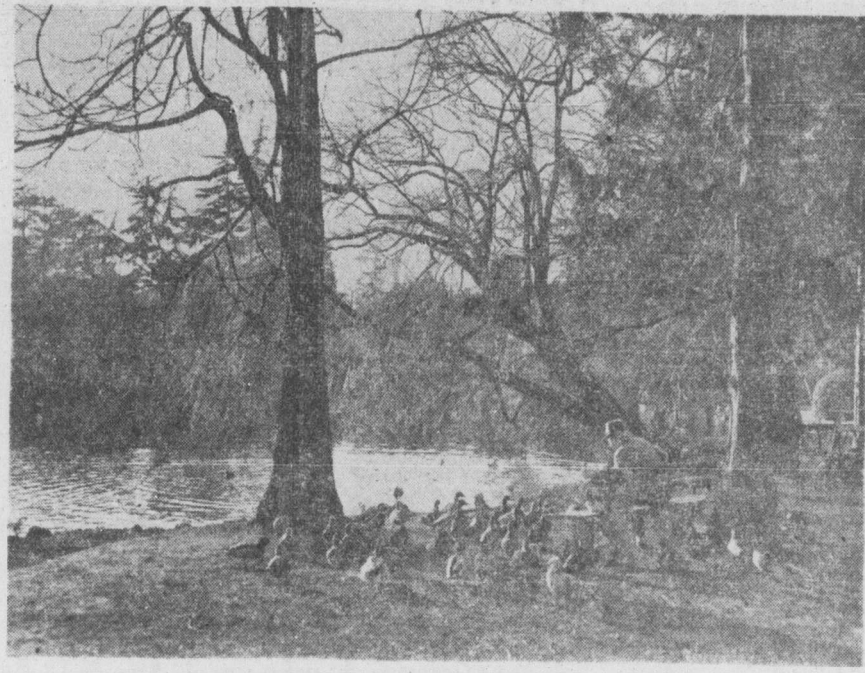
With the bulk of requests for extra help filled a week ago, there has been a considerable drop in the number of job opportunities. A decrease of about 60 in the number of males applying for employment this week has not been as great as the decrease in opportunities with the result that the ratio of unemployed males to jobs available jumped this week from 9.2:1 to 16.3:1.

The female situation remains relatively unchanged. The decrease in the number of women seeking employment has kept pace with the drop in demand for workers. Ratio in this class stands at 3.6:1 as compared to 3.8:1 a week ago.

Overall ratio is 10:1, as against a figure of 7.2:1 last week.

There is no outstanding demand for labor in any particular line, either locally or for out-of-town jobs. Mr. Mudge said. The situation is following the usual trend, he added.

## It's Just Lovely In Victoria Today . . .



News dispatches from different parts of the world tell grim stories of cold, heat, strife, privation and frustration. But today in Victoria it's beautiful. The sun is bright and clear and the air has a slight crispness. For the last-minute shoppers the weather was perfect. For those who did their Christmas shopping early, like the man in the above picture, taken in Beacon Hill Park, everything was calm, beautiful and friendly. Yes, it's nice to live in Victoria.

## Institutions Providing Many Christmas Dinners

Everything is being done by public and private institutions in Victoria to provide the homeless and the lonely with Yuletide dinners on Christmas Day. Hospitals and orphanages have also arranged special dinners for the sick and children.

More people than last year are expected to take advantage of these special Christmas Day programs. It is estimated that more than 400 will be provided with dinners by institutions. Some will be cared for by individual families.

The Royal Jubilee Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital will be serving Christmas dinners to sick adults and children.

The Christmas menu at the Jubilee includes, consommé, roast stuffed turkey with jiblet gravy, cranberry sauce, potatoes, peas, Christmas plum pudding with brandy sauce, fruits, nuts and candies.

The hospital has been decorated for the occasion. Scores of Christmas trees have been placed in the various wards and wings of the hospital.

At 10.30 a.m. Santa Claus will visit the sick and distribute gifts.

Parents and relatives of the patients are invited to attend.

A Christmas dinner with all the trimmings is also being served to the patients at St. Joseph's Hospital. Santa Claus will also make his rounds there in the morning.

At Prince Robert House, Christmas dinner will be served between 5 and 7. A dance will be held for servicemen on Boxing night.

The Y.W.C.A. have arranged for out-of-town girls to eat at private homes. The building will also be open all day.

The Y.M.C.A. will hold a Christmas Eve party tonight. There will be a dance, movies and carol singing. Everybody is invited.

For sailors who may be in Victoria, the Seamen's Institute is providing a turkey dinner. The meal will be served at 5 o'clock.

The Salvation Army is providing over a hundred persons with meals in a restaurant.

At the B.C. Protestant Orphanage, 42 children will be served with turkey dinners at 2 in the afternoon. Santa Claus will distribute gifts to the kiddies at 12.

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## Carol Singers Give Money To S.P.C.A.

Something different in the way of Christmas charity was reported today.

Six boys, between 11 and 14 years of age, during the last three nights sang Christmas carols around their neighborhood in the Uplands, staged a little play and quiz program, netted a total of \$15, then turned it all over to the S.P.C.A.

The boys, all but one of whom own one or more dogs, and in some cases, cats as well, are interested in the work of the S.P.C.A., one of the mothers said today. They thought it would be a good organization to which to contribute their carol money.

The boys are: Richard and Peter Nash, 3515 Upper Terrace, Bob Hunt, 3389 Upper Terrace, David Sharpe, 3505 Upper Terrace, Peter Dawe, 3525 Upper Terrace and John Bevan, 3540 Midland Road.

Residents of the Aged Men's Home, Cadboro Bay Road, will be served a full turkey dinner on Christmas Day. Invited to the dinner, to begin at 12.30 p.m., are members of the City Council. Gifts will be distributed.

NUERNBERG (Reuter)—U.S. military government and German courts have paroled 1,347 German prisoners for Christmas visits to their families.

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Turning to the matter of the French lighthouse tenders built at his yard, the shipyard head said the picture was not too bright owing to the numerous delays Yarrow's had suffered in the delivery of the main propelling machinery and other equipment.

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## Express Hope For Future Of Work At Yarrow's Yard

Hope for expansion of shipyard work is expressed in a Christmas message to his employees by H. A. Wallace, managing director of Yarrow's Ltd., who speaks optimistically of several tenders submitted for ship construction.

Yarrow's estimating department is now preparing figures for submission to the Department of Transport in Ottawa Dec. 31 for a lighthouse tender, 150 feet in length, for service on the west coast out of Prince Rupert.

"We have done everything we can to try to have this vessel constructed on the west coast, and we are hopeful that our tender will bring this contract to Yarrow's," Mr. Wallace said.

### HOPE FOR C.P.R. CONTRACT

He also reported that Yarrow's have submitted to the Canadian Pacific Railway a proposition on building a railroad car ferry for service between Nanaimo and Vancouver.

A model has already been constructed in Yarrow's pattern shop and submitted to the C.P.R.

Yarrow's this week was successful in gaining a contract for construction of a \$261,000 provincial ferry for the Fraser River.

Another ferry which Yarrow's is already building for the provincial government is rapidly taking shape. Mr. Wallace said the ferry is for service on Francois Lake and reported that the shipyard expects to ship the sections of this vessel to Burns Lake some time in March, from where they will be transported by road to Francois Lake for erection and launching there as soon as the lake is clear of ice.

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end of January, and all of them should be completed early in March."

### RESULTS DISAPPOINTING

Covering generally the aspects of 1948's activities by the yard, Mr. Wallace said that the results of Yarrow's tenders on Canadian vessels in competition with the eastern Canadian shipyards had been very disappointing.

"Owing to the very great difference in wages paid in the east, as compared with the west, we have found that we cannot quote prices nearly as low as those quoted by eastern shipbuilders."

"On repair work," he continued, "we have had a considerable number of disappointments in figuring against the yards on the Pacific coast of the U.S. The American yards have underbid us on several occasions. This is due to the extreme competition being offered by the highly-expanded ship-repairing industry on this coast."

"We know that many of these jobs were taken by our competitors at a loss and that this sort of figuring cannot go on indefinitely."

However, Mr. Wallace reported, the general commercial work had shown a decided improvement during the year and said that his company was hopeful of building up this type of work so that the shipyard could keep the workers employed during the "soft spots" between the ship repair jobs and building work.

## 'Ninnv' Christmas For Victoria Area

Greater Victorians are to have a "nippy" Christmas, according to the weatherman.

"Continuing cold," is the forecast, with a low temperature of 30 degrees above zero predicted for the night.

Although the weather forecasters are not predicting snow, those Victorians who like the idea of a white Christmas can look at the surrounding hills and mountains and feel a little better.

Despite the sunshine ushered in Christmas Eve, the best the forecasters can do is promise a cloudy Christmas Day with a high temperature of 38.

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## Coalition Liberal Wins By-election For Garson Riding

ASHERN, Man. (CP)—Manitoba's Coalition Government today had a Christmas present from voters in the Fairford provincial constituency, result of Thursday's by-election in which James Frederick Anderson, Liberal Progressive candidate, won easily over C.C.F. opponent Mike Taczynski.

Results from all 18 polls in the northern riding straddling the area between Lakes Winnipeg and Winnipegosis were slow in coming in, due in part to snow-blocked roads. The 11 polls heard from when tabulating ended last night gave Mr. Anderson 797 votes to 297 for Mr. Taczynski.

The victorious candidate succeeded Premier Stuart Garson, now federal Justice Minister, as member of the Legislative Assembly for Fairford. Mr. Garson had held the seat since 1927.

It was the Coalition government's first test of strength since Douglas L. Campbell became premier last month. Mr. Anderson's election left the Coalition with 26 Liberal Progressive, 14 Progressive Conservative and two Social Credit supporters. In opposition are 10 C.C.F. members and three Independents.

## 5-Year-Old Boy, Mother, Drowned On Christmas Trip

VANCOUVER (CP)—An ill-fated Christmas shopping trip claimed the life of a 40-year-old mother and her five-year-old son. They were drowned Thursday when their 16-foot speedboat struck drifting debris and sank in the icy waters of the Fraser River. The husband and father, 50-year-old Claridge (Bill) Moorehouse, was rescued and taken to hospital where his condition today was reported to be "fairly good."

A 29-year-old tug captain, Terry Burt of Vancouver, was credited with saving Moorehouse's life.

"It's a miracle he survived," said Burt. "He appeared in bad shape and just about frozen from being in the water."

Mrs. Moorehouse is the mother of four other children, aged two to 11.

## Insurance Figures For November Given

A total of \$9,565,000 worth of life insurance was bought in British Columbia in November, it is reported by the Canadian Life Insurance Association.

The total for the month for the whole of Canada was \$119,629,000. The figures were compiled by the Life Insurance Agency Management Association of Canada.

The figures show only the ordinary life insurance bought, and do not include additions, re-insurance acquired, pension bonds without insurance, annuities or group insurance.

Totals for other provinces for November: Alberta, \$8,262,000; Manitoba, \$7,385,000; New Brunswick, \$2,939,000; Nova Scotia, \$3,908,000; Ontario, \$50,335,000; Prince Edward Island, \$497,000; Quebec, \$31,178,000; Saskatchewan, \$5,560,000; Newfoundland, \$779,000.



**METCHOSIN COUGAR KILLED**—The cougar which recently has been worrying farmers in the Metchosin area was shot and killed this week by Bernard Whitney-Griffiths, right, with a .450 Express rifle. He was aided in finding his prey by a dog belonging to Mrs. Joan Yates, left, who is known far and wide as Vancouver Island's Cougar Queen. The cougar recently killed a calf on one farm and has worried herds in the district for some time.

## New Labor Code, Health Program Created In 1948

OTTAWA (CP)—The legislative program enacted by the fourth session of Canada's 20th Parliament established a \$30,000,000 health program, created a new labor code, amended the criminal code and approved Finance Minister Abbott's austerity policies.

The health program was the only social legislation of the session. Under the new policy the federal government committed itself to spend \$30,000,000 a year helping the provinces build up their health programs.

The money, to be paid mainly on specific projects presented by the province, began to flow in October and by the end of the year a large number of individual schemes had been approved. It appeared unlikely, however, that the provinces would be able to use the whole amount the first year.

The labor code laid the groundwork for uniform labor legislation across the country. It applies to industries under federal jurisdiction such as railways, radio and shipping, but paves the way for the federal government to assume jurisdiction in other fields where the provinces give their authorization.

The criminal code amendments tightened the law dealing with sex offenders.

### IMPORT CONTROLS

Parliament approved a government bill authorizing the use of import controls to curb expenditure of United States dollars. The division brought one of the closest votes of the session and the government was upheld 102 to 92. Parliament also approved a measure extending the government's powers to control domestic rents and keep some commodities under price control.

Ontario, Quebec and some Manitoba Liberals openly showed their dissatisfaction with Mr. Abbott's anti-inflationary budget which deliberately avoided tax cuts. The \$62,000,000 respite the

public get through tax-reductions was spread thinly over several fields and Mr. Abbott budgeted for a \$489,000,000 surplus. It had been reached and passed half-way through the year.

Some of the most important debates during the year involved no legislation. Prime Minister St. Laurent, while still minister of external affairs, made what many described as this country's most forthright official statement of foreign policy.

He committed Canada to active partnership in any "collective security league" which the United States and other free countries formed as a bulwark against the tide of Communism. He warned that the spread of Communism over western Europe would "ultimately almost certainly mean for us war—and war on the most unfavorable terms."

The government was threatened with a break by its British Columbia supporters when debate on the freight rate issue reached the House after a 21 per cent jump in rates had been authorized. A party caucus called by Prime Minister King, however, brought the threatened revolt under control and the government won a vote of confidence.

## More U.S. Smokers Bring New Wealth To Tax Collector

By NOEL YANCEY

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP)—Whatever the cause—jangled nerves, women smoking, prosperity—more people are smoking more cigarettes in the United States. This spells continued prosperity for most of the tobacco

industry—both the farmer who grows the weed and the manufacturer who converts it into cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff and chewing tobacco.

The United States Treasury, 39 states and 30 municipalities also share through taxes in revenues produced by tobacco. The federal government collected a total of \$1,300,280,000 on tobacco products in the fiscal year ending June 30, of which \$1,208,204,000 was from a \$3.50-a-1,000 levy on cigarettes.

The cigarette manufacturers,

the United States Department of Agriculture reported, turned out approximately 385,000,000,000 cigarettes this year, a record production which exceeds 1947 by 15,000,000,000 and is more than double the highest prewar year.

The department expects cigarette production in 1949 to be just as great.

Discoveries in New Mexico indicates that man inhabited this continent as long as 25,000 years ago.



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## B.C. Herring To Be Sent To Ease Bait Shortage In N.S.

OTTAWA (CP)—Large quantities of frozen British Columbia herring will be shipped to the east coast with federal aid next year to help Nova Scotia fishermen avoid a serious bait shortage.

The federal fisheries department said Thursday the bait shortage might mean curtailing operations and a possible loss of more than \$1,000,000 to Nova Scotia fishermen.

The department said nearly 2,200,000 pounds of B.C. herring would be needed. The government would pay freight costs up to 3 cents a pound—nearly the entire transport costs on the shipment.

B.C. operators are expected to start after the herring the first week in January. They'll need special permission because a closed season now is in effect for herring. Shipments are expected to be completed by the end of January.

Failure of the fall Nova Scotia herring run left fishermen there in a desperate plight for bait for lobsters and groundfish, the department said.

## Christmas Recipe

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Yuletide recipe: Take 360 quarts of milk, 40 quarts of tom and Jerry batter, 12 quarts of eggnog batter, 600 eggs and 40 pounds of butter. Mix them up and what do you have?

A mess, reported police, as they cleaned up a downtown intersection after a milk truck loaded with the Christmas makings collided with a rubbish truck today.



## George Raft Says He'll Go To France To Produce Movie

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—In more ways than one, George Raft is the screen's most retiring star. Here's his admission:

1. "I'm going to retire to a house in the south of France and give up Hollywood unless a particularly good role comes along."

2. "I've based my whole career on playing quiet tough guys. The real tough guys are gentlemanly and quiet. It's the noisy type you don't have to worry about."

This retirement talk of the noiseless Raft is something we've got to get used to. He keeps bringing it up, but then studios keep announcing pictures for him. However, he now declares that after he finishes his current "Hounded," he'll head for the quiet life in southern France.

Oh, yes—he'll also produce and act in a picture over there. It's called "Incident in Cairo" and he plans to film it in Cairo, Tunisia and France. It will be done first-class, he said.

Raft's retirement talk stems from his philosophy. Said he: "I'm a sentimental guy. People say of an old actor: 'he was once a big star.' I don't want that to happen to me. I went through it once as a dancer. It hurts."

He figures he can live cheaply in France. "I wouldn't have to buy 35 suits a year, as I do here," he remarked.

### CAPSULE REVIEW—

"The Paleface" (Par.) is a happy holiday package. Bob Hope is painless Peter Potter, a frontier dentist, and Jane Russell is Calamity Jane, hunting smugglers of guns to the Indians. Both do admirably in this cheerful nonsense. The smart script could have had a few more laughs, but you can't have everything.

## The DOCTOR Says:

WHOOPING COUGH IS  
SERIOUS; PREVENTIVE CARE  
IS DESIRABLE

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.

When the schools open in the fall the danger from whooping cough increases rapidly. Just one child entering school with whooping cough can spread the disease to a large number of others.

Children from one to 10 years old are most likely to be attacked, but older children, adults and infants under six weeks old, can catch it. In infants and old people it is particularly serious. Vomiting often accompanies whooping cough and when tiny children get the disease they may become starved and thin simply because they are not getting enough food.

### EXPOSURE TIME VARIES

The time between exposure and appearance of symptoms varies from four to 20 days, but is usually about 10. At first the symptoms seem like an ordinary cold, with slight fever, running nose, watering eyes, and slight cough. After a week or 10 days the cough begins to become worse and the typical paroxysms set in. The fit of coughing usually begins with a series of 15 to 20 forced short coughs without any breaths in between. The child may get blue in the face and then take a deep breath of air which sounds like a whoop. When a small amount of sticky mucus is coughed up it may bring temporary relief.

Whooping cough carries some danger to life. The coughing spells place the lungs under severe strain. Pneumonia can develop; asthma, bronchitis and other lung complications are fairly common.

The whooping cough patient should be kept away from others. Rest in bed, good nursing care, and special attention to the nutrition, especially if there is vomiting, is necessary. Most doctors believe that the vaccine against whooping cough will give active immunity and protection to children. It is usually best to begin these injections when the child is more than six months old. Whooping cough is serious and all possible steps should be taken to avoid it.

Question—What is meant by second eyesight in elderly people?

Answer—Many people develop near-sightedness or myopia during youth or middle age. As they become old another change sets in in the eye which is called presbyopia which often neutralizes the effect of the near-sightedness. These two changes in the eye, acting in opposite directions, may bring better vision in later years.

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## Announcements

### BIRTHS

OWEN—To Rosemary, wife of Gwynedd Owen, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, a son, David Gwynedd.

### MARRIAGES

CAMPBELL—GRANT—Gordon Grant, 2830 Cambie Street, Vancouver, B.C., announces the marriage of their youngest daughter, Mrs. David Campbell, 2701 Windsor Road, Victoria, B.C., which took place in the Chapel of St. Paul's Church, Vancouver, B.C., at 3 o'clock, Dec. 21, 1948, Rev. G. P. Gower officiating.

### DEATHS

CHIAN—On Dec. 22, 1948, at 999 Burdett Avenue, Chan Chun King, aged 58 years, born in China. The remains are resting in Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel, pending funeral arrangements.

FLANNIGAN—Passed away suddenly at his residence, 664 Garbally Road, on Dec. 22, 1948, Mrs. Margaret Flannigan, aged 79 years, born in London, Ontario, and had been a resident of Victoria for the past twenty years. She was the wife of James Flannigan, who died in 1938. She was the mother of two sons, Arthur and Chas. Flannigan, and two daughters, Marie and Margaret. The funeral will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 3 p.m., in the Chapel of Chimes of the Sands Mortuary, Ltd., Rev. Dr. A. E. Whitehouse will officiate and interment in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

SMITH—On Dec. 23, 1948, at the family residence, 4155 1/2 Street, Mrs. Mary Smith, aged 84 years, beloved wife of George Smith, of 325 Kelvin Road, the late Mrs. Smith was born in London, England, and had been a resident of Victoria for the past 29 years. She leaves to mourn her passing, besides her husband, George, at home, three daughters, Mrs. George Lapp of Courtenay, B.C., Mrs. Larson of Seattle, Wash., Mrs. Ivy Branson of Oliver Street, and two sons, Arthur at home, and James, 1555 Colville Road, Victoria; also 21 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. The funeral will be held on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 28, 1948, at 1:30 p.m., from the Royal Oak Burial Park, Rev. J. C. A. Barton will officiate, after which interment will be in Colwood Burial Park.

TURNER—On Dec. 23, 1948, Miss Sarah Turner, 1270 Yates Street, aged 78 years, born in England, and a resident of this city for 30 years. The funeral from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1948, at 1:30 p.m., Rev. Dr. A. E. Whitehouse officiating. Interment in Colwood Burial Park.

CLARK—In loving memory of our dear boy, Russell W., December 24, 1947, Ronald F., December 24, 1947. As we loved you, so we miss you. Ever remembered by Mum, Ted, sisters and brother Ken.

DICKINSON—In loving memory of Robert Henry Dickinson, who passed away Dec. 25, 1944. God thought the road was getting rough, And the hills were hard to climb, So he closed your weary eyelids, And whispered "Peace be thine." Ever remembered by his daughter, Violet, and grandson, Allan Luck.

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GALA NEW YEAR'S EVE—MUSIC dancing, all the trimmings; Broad Street Auditorium, 9-12. Tickets, \$1.50 each. Phone (480) Labor Entertainment Committee. 7-152.

JAMES HAY COMMUNITY CENTRE New Year's Eve dance and frolic; refreshments, favors; 9-12. Tickets on sale at 120 Kingston Street. 1-148.

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NEW PASTIME WHIST AND BRIDGE Club, Christmas Eve, 8:30 to 11 p.m. Cash prizes. Everybody welcome. 6004 Cormorant Street. 2-148.

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NO DANCE CHRISTMAS DAY—FRASER Street Hall. 2-148.

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SKATING PARTY—NEW YEAR'S EVE, Douglas Roller Gardens, 9 till 7. Admission \$1. 8-152.

THISTLES WILL HOLD THEIR CHRISTMAS Eve Scotch and Old-Time Dance in the Broad Street Auditorium on Friday, December 24th, at 9 p.m. Admission 50c. 2-148.

VICTORIA WHIST AND BRIDGE CLUB, 1417 Government Street, Bridge, 12:30 to 3 p.m.; 3:30 to 6 p.m.; 8:30 to 11 p.m. Games at 2:30 p.m.; whist, 8:30 to 11 p.m. 1-152.

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CHECKS  
OUT! OF COURSE, YOU  
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MEMBER BY NAME!

YES, THE CHECKS ARE  
HANGING ON THE TREE—  
AND YOU'LL HAND THEM  
OUT! OF COURSE, YOU  
KNOW EVERY STAFF  
MEMBER BY NAME!

EXCUSE ME! I GOTTA  
DUCK DOWN HERE A  
MINUTE! THE PILLLOW IS  
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Preliminary statistics suggest that business activity in British Columbia will reach an all-time high this year.

This was reported today by Trade Minister Leslie Eyres who stated the employment index for the province a peak in September never before attained, of 215.5. And at Sept. 4 there were estimated to be 446,000 persons over 14 years of age employed in B.C.

"Practically all the production and consumption indexes for the province show substantial gains this year over the previous all-time highs established last year," Mr. Eyres said.

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**Authority Given For**

**Unions To Bargain**

**For 10 Island Firms**

Certificates of bargaining authority have been issued by the government Labor Relations Board to union locals for employees of 10 Victoria and up-island companies.

They are: United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local 1598, for employees of Henry Cote, employed as construction carpenters here.

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## Expect Many At Special Services In Churches Tonight, Tomorrow

Since the matter of how Christmas should be observed is something each individual Victoria family must decide for itself, the manner in which this festive occasion is celebrated here will differ greatly in the house of one man and that of his neighbor.

A good many Victoria families, though, will attend special church services to offer prayers that the Christmas saying "Peace on earth; goodwill to all men," will become a reality.

### ANGLICAN

Anglican churches in the area will hold special services both tonight and Christmas Day.

The bells of Christ Church Cathedral will be rung in connection with the midnight eucharist which will be held there. Bishop Harold Sexton will conduct the service, which will begin at 11.30.

Christmas morning, holy communion services will be held at the Anglican Cathedral at 7, 8 and 9.30. Choral eucharist will be held at 11.

St. Barnabas' Church will hold a midnight mass at 11.45 tonight and on Christmas Day will hold a holy communion service at 8 a.m., and a sung mass at 11 a.m.

St. Saviour's will hold a choral eucharist tonight, beginning at 11.30, and a holy communion service Christmas morning at 10.

St. Alban's Church will hold its Christmas Eve service starting at 11.30. Christmas Day, this church will hold a holy communion service at 8, a family service at 10 and another communion service at 11.

Christmas Day communion will be held at St. Mary's Church at 7, 8, 9.30 and noon, with matins and sermon at 11.

St. George's Church will hold a midnight communion at 11.30 this evening, and a Christmas morning service at 9.30.

St. John's Church will also hold a communion service tonight, beginning at 11.15. Christmas Day, communion will be at 8, and a family service and holy communion at 11.

St. Matthias' Church will hold a midnight celebration service at 11.45 tonight. Communion will be given here at 8 on Christmas Day and a choral service will be held at 11.

St. Martin's will hold a choral communion service at 11.30 tonight. St. Luke's will hold a holy communion service at 11.45 tonight.

### CATHOLIC

Roman Catholic citizens will attend the pontifical high mass to be held at St. Andrew's Cathedral tonight at 11.45. On Christmas morning, mass will be at 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

The benediction will be given 7.30 Christmas night at the cathedral.

The congregations of the Metropolitan and First United Churches will combine Saturday morning at 11 in the First United for their Christmas service.

A Christmas morning service will be held at the Glad Tidings Tabernacle at 10.30.

All churches will hold regular services on Sunday, and in most, Christmas music will be sung.

The rule of force was dominant, though one great power of Rome had subdued all enemies. It had its housing problem, too, for there was no room in the inn and the Christ-child was born in the manger of a stable, a lowly birth in a lowly place.

### LOWLY BIRTH GLORIFIED

Here, then, is the real joy of Christmas, and the reality of its celebration in a world dark with shadows and atomic threats. That lowly birth is glorified in the light it has brought into the mess. It is glorified in the love that shines in the inward souls and outward lives of those who

not only manifest the honesty of soul and action, but whose lives display the fact that they "have learned of Jesus."

Here is where our vision, and our faith, and our hope should be in this 20th century Christmas, and not upon the things that deny the Lord, and His teachings, and make nothing of His coming.

It is a time in the midst of that denial for great affirmations, for saying to the world, "The Lord is come," and for saying it with joy, in life as well as in words. For in all that Christmas means is the world's hope. And it is the world's only hope.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25th

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CHRISTMAS EVE

11.30 p.m.—Midnight Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30 a.m.—Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

8.00 a.m.—Holy Communion

11.00 a.m.—CHORAL EUCHARIST

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3.00 p.m.—Children's Christmas Festival

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## THE BOOKSTAND

BY AILEEN CAMPBELL

# Britain Learns Art Of Austere Living

BRITISH PEOPLE in their land of austerity, government controls and monotonous diet, have gotten down to "the business of living," in a way neither Americans nor Canadians have, despite their land of advertised comforts. Such was the opinion expressed by Bernard Braden, talented young Canadian radio dramatist, actor and director, when in Victoria recently to autograph copies of his book *These English*, just published by McClelland & Stewart Limited.



Bernard Braden autographs copies of his book *These English*, in Victoria.

The book is an adaptation of Mr. Braden's CBC programs of similar title, written and dramatized after a three-month visit in England in the summer of 1947. The broadcasts proved so popular they were adapted for book form. Both those who heard the broadcasts and those to whom *These English* is entirely new, will find the book a most enjoyable and heartening experience. Drawings are by John A. Hall, O.S.A.

## Easy To Report

MR. BRADEN, Vancouver-born and widely-known for his work with Stage 44-48, has done a remarkably fine job. His style is crisp and fluent and the people recreated by his reporting of their down-to-earth discussion.

"I never found such an easy group of people to report," Mr. Braden said in the interview. "I stayed as objective as possible for I feel the opinions of people who spent their life in England were far more important than the impressions of a visitor of three months."

And so he wrote of people, not places and things... he wrote of the working class mother who spoke in favor of the Labor government which provided things like oranges and cod liver oil for her babies and articles that were plentiful before war and austerity, but which she could never afford for her children.

## London Pride

HE WROTE OF THE artist and the manufacturer who felt life under the Labor government offered no incentive... of the Pioneer Health Centre in a south London borough... of courageous Jessie Bobbs of Lambeth Walk, whose London pride was something to behold... of the Bevin boy "who stood up to so much for what happened to be his principles."

He gives a brief report of interviews he had over the radio with people prominent in the political, economic and social reconstruction of England. David Lean, one of England's top movie directors, responsible for such fine works as "Brief Encounter" and "This Happy Breed," commented on the dangers of Hollywood's luxuries.

"If you are an important person there you must have a magnificent house and an even more magnificent swimming pool. Then you must pay for these things. If this involves making a film you don't believe in, you do the film anyway because the swimming pool must be paid for."

## Hard Work Only

IN GREAT BRITAIN, according to Mr. Lean, there is nothing but rain and austerity... so the only salvation for the artist is hard work. Mr. Braden went out into the streets of London, Hyde Park, a pub, a country cricket pitch, a farm to talk to people and get their ideas. He has recreated these people to give readers a view of contemporary Britain. Every episode is readable and human.

You won't meet so many interesting people under two covers in many a day... Mr. Braden said they were easy to report and the excellent manner in which he handles his material will give the reader the same opinion.

## Library Leaders

T. Eaton Co., Limited: "Water Trio," by Frank Conibear and J. L. Blundell; "The Big Fisherman," by Lloyd C. Douglas and "Out, Brief Candle," by Lee Thayer. Diggon - Hibben Ltd.: "Dinner At Antoine's," by Frances Parkinson Keyes; "The Day Before Tomorrow," by Ruth Reiner and "The People Opposite," by Sylvia Thompson.

## On Holiday!

The popular feature, "What I Want to Be When I Grow Up," is having its Christmas holiday. It will be resumed in the Magazine on Jan. 8.

## Red And White Study

"Joe Lavally and the Paleface," by Bernard Wicksteed (Collins).

AN EIGHT-DAY CANOE trip in the Canadian woods taken by an R.A.F. officer before he returned "to the saltiness of suburban respectability" is the basis of this story by Mr. Wicksteed, well-known feature writer and columnist for Lord Beaverbrook's *London Express*.

It is not the trip, however, but the guide who prompted the story. You see Joe Lavally was no ordinary Indian. While Wicksteed may go overboard in his preface to the effect that he was "alone in the woods with a wit, an illiterate savant who spoke hardly a word that wasn't worth recording," Joe certainly had more than his share of bon-mots and tall tales.

Joe, who died before the book was published, was a half-breed who spent his life in the woods, going to the big city once a year to please his wife. He and Wicksteed portaged, camped, fished and swam in the moonlight. In between Joe told of his experiences in the woods, of other campers and his war service. The "great compression" (depression) ruined lesser men but left Joe with his values unchanged, according to Wicksteed. Though he didn't mean to, the author has provided Joe with a colorful obituary. He had a good subject and he reported him thoroughly in free and easy style. Joe and the Paleface are a humorous, informative, and above all, entertaining twosome.

## History Of The V.C.

"Men of Valour," by Mabel Tinkess Good (Macmillan).

WRITTEN PARTICULARLY for the rising generation this is the history of the Victoria Cross and the narration of the deeds of valor of 15 Canadians in World War I, and 16 in World War II, which won for them, the V.C. or other coveted awards.

During the war, Mrs. Good did research and writing for the historical section (army) of the Department of National Defence, and while she has written these true stories based on official records for the rising generation, they will not fail to thrill adults as well.

The first story is that of Lt. Col. C. C. Merritt, V.C., of Vancouver and his famous crossing of the bridge at Pourville during the D-Day operation. There is the account of CPO. Max Bernay's heroic duty in the wheelhouse of the *Assiniboine* during an attack on a convoy. Bernays received the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal.

Graphically described are the actions in which CSM. John R. Osborn, V.C., of the Winnipeg Grenadiers, threw himself on a grenade to save his men at Hongkong... of Flt-Lt. David Hornell and Pilot Officer Andy Mynarski of the R.C.A.F., both of whom won the V.C. There is the story of Smokey Smith's



Col. C. C. MERRITT, V.C.

action in Italy which won for him the coveted award.

While her style and dialogue may not always be effortless, that is small fault. In *Men of Valour* Mrs. Good has performed a valuable service very well indeed.

## "Peace on Earth. Good-Will to Men"



St. Barnabas Church is the setting for this 1948 production representing the drama of the Nativity of Our Lord.

## MUSIC AND DRAMA

By AUDREY ST.D. JOHNSON

## Stage Drama Grew Around Nativity Theme

THE FESTIVAL OF Christmas is woven about with many stories and legends of evil turned to good, despair to hope and joy, darkness to light. They are the natural accompaniments to such a theme as Christmas—the season of the Nativity of Christ, who turned the world from physical to spiritual idealism; from the dark of ignorance and falsity to the light of knowledge and truth.

Through the benign influence of the event, much that had been base became ennobled, touched by the philosopher's stone of Faith and Sanctity. The Fine Arts, taken from profane hands, were dedicated on the high altar, flowered and grew and eventually returned to the people to enrich and beautify the stream of life through all the subsequent generations.

Music owes its finest phases of development to the church. Drama, which had become utterly decadent since the end of the Greek civilization, was at first strongly opposed by Christianity because of its heathen origin. Then, gradually drama grew into the actual services of the church until we find a reflection of the early Greek theatre in the dialogue of antiphonal song with its alternation of verse and respond between priest and choir.

## Religious Drama

HERE IS A translation from a ninth century manuscript which shows quite plainly the beginning of a religious Christmas drama:

"On the Nativity of the Lord at Mass there be ready two deacons having on dalmatics, behind the altar, saying:

"Whom seek ye in the manger, say, ye shepherds?" Let two cantors in the choir answer:

"The Saviour, Christ the Lord, a child wrapped in swaddling clothes according to the angelic word."

And the deacons: "Present here is the little one with Mary, His Mother, of whom Isaiah the prophet foretold: Behold a virgin shall conceive and shall bring forth a son, and do ye say and announce that He is born."

Then let the cantor lift up his voice and say: "Alleluia, alleluia. Now we know indeed that Christ is

born on earth, of whom sing ye all, saying with the Prophet: Unto us a child is born."

The dramatic effect was heightened and elaborated by the entry of five priests, representing the shepherds. These were halted in their journey toward the apse by a single boy soprano voice high above in the galleries: "Fear not, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy..." The "heavenly host" was then heard (the boys' choir in the galleries) exulting in the "Gloria in Excelsis."

Other versions of the sacred drama included the figures of the Magi and later, even Herod. In an ancient Epiphany play, known in various parts of France as "Stella," "Tres Reges" or "Herodes" amongst other things, the murder of the Innocents is sometimes represented and Rachel weeping for her children is symbolized.

## Beginning Of Carols

AS THE SONGS of praise, sung by the learned in Latin, gave way before the carols of the common people, sung in their own tongue, so the plays of the Nativity gradually came to be rendered in the common speech. At the same time, the plays took on more of the character of drama and less of church ritual.

At this period, when learning could only be had at the monasteries, young scholars used to tramp the length and breadth of Europe, going from monastery to monastery in search of knowledge. To these impetuous, imaginative youths, history has given a large share of the credit for lifting the plays from their liturgical origin.

Once taken from the church, the plays could only be performed outdoors and Christmas weather being unsuitable, the custom of representing the Nativity at its proper season fell into disuse in the later Middle Ages. Fortunately, it did not disappear altogether, but became part of the panoramic cycles—the York, Chester, Townsley and "Coventry" mysteries and shepherd plays—which were presented in England, at more clement seasons such as Whitsuntide.

## Reflected The Times

ONE QUAIN and interesting effect on religious drama, as interpreted by secular playwrights of medieval times, was the blend of spiritual, superstitious and broadly materialistic qualities which were the natural reflection of the people's own attitude. This was to be seen in the colloquialism, comedy and horseplay of the shepherds before the appearance of the Herald Angel. Also in the manners and dress of the various characters which were certainly not antique Oriental, but entirely contemporary and European.

A nostalgic remnant of the early sacred drama, the "Stella," was—at least until the war—enacted in various parts of Europe. A group, usually boys, went from house to house, singing carols that told the story of the birth of Christ, and carrying a lighted star. They were often dressed in costumes representing the Magi or other characters in

the story. These young singers were known in many countries as the "star youths."

## Bach At The Organ

ON A CHRISTMAS EVENING somewhere between the years 1730 to 1735, the good people of Leipzig are tramping home across the crunching, glittering snow, their minds and hearts exalted and glowing. They have just experienced something that no one in succeeding generations was—or is—likely to experience again.

They have been worshipping in St. Thomas's Kirche and have listened to Herr Bach at the organ, pouring forth exultant, heavenly music. Never has Herr Bach's mastery of the organ seemed so miraculous; his magnificent chorales filling the fine old church with noble music, as richly contrived as the most lavishly embroidered vestment, must have rivalled the sound of the Heavenly Host.

The folk of the St. Thomas Kirche talk wonderingly of the second and third parts of the Christmas Oratorio which will be performed on the two succeeding days.

Johann and Anna Bach are at home too, now, and never wearying of music-making, they have gathered around the harpsichord with Gottfried, Christian, Philip, Friedemann, Catherine and Elisabeth, to sing some of papa's carols while he improvises beautiful accompaniments and mama's clear soprano soars, bell-like, in the candle-lit room. The little Christian and Elisabeth sing, too, but they cannot keep their eyes from straying to the corner, where a tree, shining with gilded nuts and apples, colored paper and candles, is set up.

## Symbol Of Holy Night

AND WHILE THEY SING, and their eyes reflect the gleam of the candlelight, they remember the story that papa has told

## Loring As Usual

"I Hear Adventure Calling," by Emille Loring (McClelland and Stewart Limited).

NOVELS OF THE LIGHT romantic type against a smart-set background are Mrs. Loring's forte and her faithful following know pretty much what to expect. The ingredients are much the same, the characters familiar.

Her latest story is laid in Maine. The beautiful Fran Phillips, though she has inherited a fortune from her aunt, decides to become a career girl and takes a position in the Sargent Galleries, owned by the father of her college friend. Myles Jaffray, young, handsome and brilliant, just out of the army air force is named trustee of Fran's estate, much to her dislike.

Intigue, a stolen picture, some amateur detective work all combine to help bring Fran and Myles together in the last chapter.

## Cabbages And Kings

## All Happy But The Bride

By PETER ELIOT

A MUHAMMADAN wedding, which she describes in *Artist in Unknown India*, was the climax of all Marguerite Milward's vivid impressions of Hyderabad. "It... always spelt romance to me," she writes. "I found it exactly like a dream of 'mille et un nuits.' I felt quite dazed with the illuminations and receptions, the dazzling white buildings, the glitter and sparkle of glowing dresses and saris, most of them a wonderful ruby red, which I found peculiar to Hyderabad."

The wedding had been going on for days, and was on its last day, when Miss Milward and her hostess looked in on this unusual spectacle. She was touched by the warmth of the welcome extended to her by the mother of the bride, a widow in white trousers, an old Decany dress.

All the servants and retainers were being regaled in the courtyard, while crowds of people were lying round replete from the feast, the remains of which were strewn about on a huge sheet spread on the ground. Tons of curry and rice had been consumed at the wedding breakfast which went on and on.

## Pathetic Figure

WE WERE RECEIVED in the Zenana quarters (the author goes on to say), while H. E. H. Nizam and his daughter,

ters, who drove up at the same moment as we did, were entertained in the main building. Inside the central room was a gorgeously draped red and gold bed, with the bride weeping all alone in the middle of it.

"She looked such a pathetic crumpled up little bundle, robed in red and gold to match and many draperies to hide under. We went up to greet her, but it was difficult to find head or hand as the poor girl was bowed down and stricken with grief. She had never once seen the man she was about to marry at six o'clock that evening."

It seemed incongruous to see all this feasting and congratulations with the "happy" bride weeping in the midst. Was she really inconsolable? I wondered? All her sisters had been married in the same way and lived happily ever after, and she had longed for this day all her life without doubt. But tradition says the bride must appear an unwilling victim, and so she needs must weep!

## Height Is Dangerous

IT WILL BE well worth the while of anyone planning to visit Mexico in the near future to browse through Mackinley Helm's *Journeying Through Mexico*—Little, Brown and Company, publishers, which incidentally, is beautifully decorated by William C. Easter. Here is some important advice for a visit to Mexico City, the capital, a must for every traveler:

"When you reach your hotel, you would do well to eat a light supper and go to bed early. For most people, the first-night in the capital is critical. If the altitude of 7,415 feet means to get you, it will coax you into eating and drinking and leave you bloated and dizzy."

"You can fool it only by playing the Spartan that evening. In fact, doctors say that if the newcomer would spend the first day in bed, quietly occupied in getting used to the altitude, he would have a much happier time when he starts out sight-seeing."

"Since most travelers are not actually willing to wait 24 hours to get out on the streets of the City of Palaces, one can recommend only, to the average impatience, a leisurely start on the morning, which follows arrival and an uncrowded day in which a general view may be taken."

## Thoughts For The Week

## MONDAY

And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.—Habakkuk 2:2.

But truths on which depends our main concern.

That 'tis our shame and misery not to learn, Shine by the side of every path we tread.

With such a lustre he that runs may read.—Cowper

## TUESDAY

But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine.—Titus 2:1.

That doctrine which rectifies the conscience, purifies the heart and produces love to God and men is necessarily true.—Walker.

## WEDNESDAY

His heart is as firm as a stone, yes, as hard as a piece of the pether millstone.—Job 41:24.

The very garliest and hardest of hearts has some musical strings in it; but they are tuned differently in every one of us.—Lowell.

## THURSDAY

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.—Philippians 4:7.

How different the peace of God from that of the world! It calms the passions, preserves the purity of conscience, is inseparable from righteousness, unites us to God and strengthens us against temptations. The peace of the soul consists in an ab-

solute resignation to the will of God.—Fenelon.

## FRIDAY

Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm; for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame.—Song of Solomon 8:6.

Love is the emblem of eternity; it confounds all notion of time; effaces all memory of a beginning, all fear of an end.—Madame De Staël.

## SATURDAY

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.—Psalms 121:5.

Somewhat of goodness, something true From sun and spirit shining through All faiths, all worlds, as through the dark Of ocean shines the lighthouse spark, Attests the presence everywhere Of love and providential care.—Whittier.

## SUNDAY

And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.—Mark 5:15.

The social states of human kinds Are made by multitudes of minds. And after multitudes of years A little human growth appears Worth having, even to the soul Who sees most plain it's not the whole.—Masefield.



# Christmas Day I Shall Never Forget!

## YULETIDE MEMORIES FROM VETERANS' HOSPITAL

FOR THE INMATES of the Veterans' Hospital, the advent of Christmas opens a floodgate of memories. In the gaily-decorated wards, breathing peace on earth and good-will towards all men, former servicemen and women who fought that Canada might remain free, recall Christmas Days they have spent in very different surroundings.

When our roving reporter paid a visit to the hospital, he was transported back to the Boer War and the relief of Ladysmith; to a scorching hot day in the Persian Gulf when Christmas was officially "postponed"; to a day of terror in Hongkong as the Japanese closed in; to a Canadian hospital in France during the battle of the Somme.

The stories appear on this page, and here are the people who told them to our reporter.

### JACK LA FORTUNE

He is a logger at Cobble Hill. Or rather, he was a logger until a few weeks ago when he fell and further damaged a leg wound inflicted in 1944 in the Italian campaign. Jack, a cheery, dark haired, pipe-smoking young man refuses to let his misfortunes weigh him down.

"The doctors cannot tell me yet if this latest accident is going to stop me from going back to logging," he said. "I hope not because it is the life I love."

### DONALD GEORGE PHILIP

Bayoneted and left for dead by the Japanese, he is a storeman at the hospital. He joined the Winnipeg Grenadiers with his brother Robert. They trained together, rose to the rank of captain together, and left Vancouver for Hongkong together, arriving there just before Pearl Harbor.

Donald was wounded on Dec. 20, 1941, when going to the relief of his brother's company, Robert lost an eye and was taken prisoner; Donald crawled through loss of blood shot his way past two Japanese pickets before reaching a British hospital.

### GEORGE WILLIAM CASSWELL

Born in London, England, he became a Chief Petty Officer of the Royal Navy and then of the Royal Canadian Navy.

"My ticker isn't as good as it used to be," said this old sea dog, who joined the navy as a bugler in 1900 when he was only 14 years of age. "That's why I am lying in this hospital."

Casswell has seen service in many spheres. He was on the destroyer Acaster which screened Beatty's Battle Cruiser Squadron in the Battle of Jutland, the last great battle between two grand fleets.



WILLIAM PETERS

One of the real "veterans" of the hospital. He is 72 years of age and until his retirement was chief chef in the Empress Hotel cooking and baking department. Born in London, England, he joined the 1st Wiltshire Regiment in 1898. He was with Sir Redvers Buller's relieving force at Ladysmith, and came to Canada in 1906.

### MRS. CASSON

A neat little silver-haired lady, she had a blue ribbon in her hair as she put down her book and recalled Christmas, 1916. That year she and her two next door neighbors in the hospital, Miss Bell and Mrs. John Hannay were serving together in the Canadian No. 3 Hospital at Doullens, just behind the Somme battlefield.

Mrs. Casson joined up from London (Ontario), and her husband whom she married during the war was one of her first patients. Mr. Casson is also employed in the Veterans' Hospital.

### MARK KNISLEY

He is believed to be the only "amputation" case who holds a commercial pilot licence. This genial giant, who came over from the States in 1940 to join the Royal Canadian Air Force, lost a leg when he crashed in the Libyan desert. He is back in hospital—for Christmas—because of an unfortunate accident.

In his Victoria home, Mark put one of his crutches on a rug in the hall. It skidded on the polished wood floor underneath and, Mark came down heavily on his amputated leg. The bone broke through the skin, and now he is back in the Veterans' Hospital for a delicate piece of surgical treatment.

### CARL BELLOWES

Fair haired, thick set, American who has made fighting his career. If a knee he had injured while serving as staff sergeant in the R.C.E.M.E. (First Canadian base workshop) had not fused upon him and laid him up in the Veterans' Hospital for the past six months, he would probably have been off again fighting someone's battle somewhere.

Bellowes started his martial life as a U.S. marine. He spent two years modernizing the private army of Cheng Mau, Chinese war lord. In 1929 he was on the wrong side of a Mexican revolution, and cleared the U.S. border "Three jumps ahead of a sure firing squad," he says picturesquely.

In 1937 he joined the Abraham Lincoln Battalion and served with the International Brigade in Spain—again on the losing side.

One battle he hopes he has won... Carl took to himself a wife on Dec. 5. But his wife CWAC Gwendoline Hichens, of the Veterans' Hospital... well she may have other ideas!

## No Food, No Drink For Naval Crew

By GEORGE WILLIAM CASSWELL

I AM GONG to tell you about the most miserable Christmas Day I ever spent—and I have had several. I was serving on H.M.S. Philomel in the Persian Gulf in 1909. Our task was to break up the gun runners and the slave traders who infested the coast.

The Philomel was of 2,400 tons and mounted six 4.7 quick firing guns. We were operating under wartime conditions. At night the ship was darkened and we set watches at cruising stations. Our food consisted of hard-tack—salt meat and ship's biscuits. The only time we were allowed ashore was when the ship was coaling, and that wasn't very often.

Well, in November, 1909, I was a member of a cutter crew detailed for a two month's boat cruise to intercept the gun runners.

We were due to be picked up by H.M.S. Philomel early on Christmas Eve. We arrived at our rendezvous and waited. But Philomel did not show up.

On Christmas morning we found ourselves with no provisions. All our hard tack had been used up—such was our faith in the Philomel—and there was but one tot of rum to go round the crew of 14.

Except for an awning our cutter had no protection from the weather. The sun was scorchingly hot, and we were desperately thirsty. We had orders that we were not to go ashore under any circumstances, but our officer in command decided to take

the law into his own hands. He could not have his men dying of thirst on Christmas Day. Lieut. Samson, incidentally, was the first naval officer to join the Fleet Air Arm, and he was one of the pilots who subsequently bombed Constantinople, and had £1,000,000 put on his head by an irate Turkish government.

We went ashore, and after some digging we came across a little water, but it was just enough to moisten our tongues and we went back into the cutter to curse our luck and keep praying that the Philomel would eventually arrive. She did—at 7 o'clock in the evening—to pick up a set of men who had no Christmassy feelings.

When we went aboard the captain called us together.

"Men," he said, "today is no day. We will celebrate Christmas tomorrow."

And we did. My best Christmas? Well, I would say the one of 1946. After serving with the R.C.N. during the war I was home with my wife in Victoria. Although my two sons were still both serving with the R.C.N., we knew that they were both safe, after anxious years. One had been a survivor from the Athabaskan and the other from the Weyburn.

## Off For Christmas On A Stretcher!

By JACK LA FORTUNE

THE CHRISTMAS I remember most vividly was the one I spent in the 15th Canadian General Hospital at Caserta, Italy. Seven days earlier, I had been at Bagnacavallo with the Westminster Regiment.

Next day we were to pull out of the line for Christmas. On the way along we had been laying in our Christmas stores. We had turkeys, chickens and kegs of local Italian wines. I, myself, had been lucky enough to come across a half cask of brandy. Everyone's spirits, with thoughts of leave just ahead, were effervescing.

Then it came to me. I was shot in the leg, and instead of moving out on my own feet, I went out on a stretcher down from one field hospital to another till I arrived at Caserta.

In this old Italian barracks, there were no elevators. Stretcher cases had to be gingerly piloted up the curving stairs.

Maybe I wasn't in the best condition to enjoy it, but the Canadian staff in this hospital certainly did their best to give us a real Christmas.

Until lights out on Christmas Eve one of the doctors kept us humming to his accordion music. Then at midnight we were awakened by a company of American Red Cross carol singers. They sang in our wards until two in the morning.

Then on Christmas morning we had mail from home. Half a dozen bottles of Coca-Cola came in one Canadian parcel, and this we diluted with rum.

We were loaded with candies, cigars and gum from the Canadian Red Cross, the Canadian Legion, the U.S. Red Cross and the Naafi. For dinner we had turkey, potatoes, peas, even cranberry sauce; Christmas pudding and two bottles of beer per man.

And then I had a pleasant link with home. One of the nurses in the hospital was Miss Paterson (now Mrs. Skrimshire), who was one of my neighbors at Shawinigan Lake.

But when I got back to my regiment in the following February, my half cask of brandy had disappeared. I reckon that went in another "Christmas Party."



## Fifth Columnist Took My Lonely Cabin

By MARK KNISLEY

ALTHOUGH I WAS an airman, I spent two of my wartime Christmases aboard ship, and the other in a Cairo hospital. On Christmas Day, 1940, I was being transported to Britain to join a Pilot Pool. I was aboard the Royal Ulsterman, a trim little vessel that in peacetime carries the traffic between Glasgow and Belfast. We joined the ship in Iceland, and although the Ulsterman's normal peacetime complement is just over a 1,500 we had over 4,000 aboard.

However, I was lucky. I had found a pal in the Scottish bar steward and with a little influence I had wangled a cabin to

myself. Not much of a cabin perhaps, because it happened to be the brig (ship's prison), but at least I had it to myself.

Then on Christmas Day, I was moved out. Apparently the intelligence people had discovered that among the survivors of a convoy whom we were carrying home to Britain was a fifth-column skipper of a Norwegian ship. This skipper had been sailing in convoy and he had fished a signal at night to a German submarine pack, and this had caused the loss of many ships.

The Norwegian took my berth, and my last semblance of comfort during that trip.

The next Christmas came just after my leg had been amputated following a crash in Libya. I wasn't feeling much like celebrating but I managed to feel quite elated when the surgeon, nice fellow, sent me over a bottle of champagne from Shepherds Hotel. It was the first thing I had enjoyed since my operation.

On Christmas Day, 1942, I made up for everything. I was being invalided home on the Cape Town Castle, and together with the famous Tom Wintringham, another passenger, we did the occasion full justice.

## Baseball Pitcher Wings Very Scared Italian Colonel

By CARL BELLOWES

I WAS SERVING as a lieutenant in the Abraham Lincoln battalion attached to the International Brigade during the Spanish Civil War. On Christmas Day, 1937, we were just outside beleaguered Madrid.

Three of us, Bill Wheeler, a Canadian, Phil Hardy, an American (who was afterwards killed) and I were invited to join the

Campesano Brigade in a partisan raid at the back of the university city.

These partisan boys each carried ten sticks of dynamite with caps and fuses. They had received the tip that a fascist convoy was coming through with munitions. This convoy was made up of Mussolini's crack troops, the Black Arrows, and we were keen to make a cleanup.

The boys mined a road fifty yards on each side of a small bridge, setting trip-wires to set the charges. They moved back into the bush and with machine guns ready for action, waited.

Along came Mussolini's troops. The first truck hit the trip wire, and this did a lot of damage. The whole convoy piled up. The Italians who were not wounded climbed out of their trucks and ran into a good lead bath.

In the excitement, the colonel-in-charge decided that discretion was the better part of valor, and he beat a hasty retreat. He had no sooner started to run than Phil Hardy, who had quite a reputation back home as a baseball pitcher, threw a "potato masher" (hand grenade), and struck that colonel full on the back of the neck. He went down like a log.

And so did we. Those grenades are nasty things and we expected all to be blown to kingdom come along with the colonel.

We waited, hugging as close as we could to the ground and after some agonizing seconds Phil popped up his head.

"By God, Butch," (that's me), "I forgot to pull the pin out," he said.

With that Phil walked forward, picked up the grenade and popped it back into the ammo box.

The partisans were delighted with the success of the raid, and after our return to Madrid, they sent us over a keg of brandy so that we could celebrate in fitting style.

## Waxed Maple Leaves And Somme Turkey!

By MRS. CASSON

ON CHRISTMAS DAY, 1916, I was nursing in the No. 3 Canadian Hospital at Doullens, France. A few miles away the Battle of the Somme was raging, and we were crowded out with casualties of all nationalities.

Although we were kept busy we managed to get out to collect ivy for Christmas decorations, and I remember how pleased we all were when one of the sisters produced a box of waxed Canadian maple leaves. The whole staff of the hospital, padre, doctors, nurses and all were Canadian and it made us feel quite at home.

We had Somme turkey for our Christmas dinner and after the nursing sisters had entertained the doctors we had a sing-song in which all took part.

The following Christmas I spent in rather more peaceful surroundings. During my nursing training in Ontario one of my patients was the man who later became my husband. I saw my husband once while in France.



Mrs. Casson, a 1916 picture.

He came to see me when I was stationed at Boulogne.

We decided to get married, and in December, 1917, we both managed to get leave. We went to Keswick in the English lakes—my husband's birthplace—and there on Dec. 21 we were married. We spent Christmas Day together before my husband had to return to his regiment in France.

## In Ladysmith—But No Relief!

By WILLIAM PETERS

I WAS IN the 1st Wiltshire Regiment that in 1899 went to the relief of Ladysmith. We were under General Sir Redvers Buller, and we reached the besieged city just before Christmas.

The town was in a horrible state. Even after the relief there was little food to be had. Water was strictly rationed and there was certainly none for washing purposes. The men had to grow beards, and everything was filth and dirt.

For Christmas it was a bleak outlook. We had cash in our pockets but nothing to spend it on. Then one of our fellows

discovered that in the kaffir kraal, there was the chance of picking up some beer.

We raised half a crown (50 cents) between us and this produced several jugsful of the native brew.

The town was better than nothing. But afterwards we weren't so sure. The beer was a killer. Made of potatoes and corn it had a kick like a mule. Two whole tents of the 1st Wiltshire Regiment took part in the feast, and every man jack of them was knocked out. And out they remained for the best part of a week.

## Radio Greetings Fell Flat In Hongkong Hospital

By DONALD GEORGE PHILIP

CHRISTMAS, 1941, was the first time I tasted rice. For four years after that, it was to be my staple diet.

Four days earlier I had crawled into a British Hospital on Hongkong Island after having been bayoneted by the Japanese invaders. As Christmas Day broke there was an ominous hush about the wards. Nurses and doctors looked glum, and there was a fellest note about their "Merry Christmas" greetings.

Next to me was a wounded major. We asked what was wrong? "Don't you know?" we were told, and nothing more. I stroled over to a window, and there I saw women and children struggling towards the sanctuary of the hospital. I guessed the worst. The Allied forces had capitulated.

The major turned on the radio. A Canadian voice came through. It was a broadcast from Vancouver. "Hello, Canadians, in Hongkong," said the voice. "We know that you will fight to the last man and to the last round of ammunition. I wish I could be with you."

"Like hell he does," said the major, and those of us who knew that the horrors of Japanese captivity lay ahead thought the same.

Two Christmases later, I was in Argyle Street camp. It was the worst of those I spent in captivity. For the first time no Canadian or British Red Cross parcels had come through. My only consolation was that my brother whom I had thought killed during the invasion of Hongkong, was now with me. He had lost an eye the same night as I was bayoneted.

We tried to keep our spirits up by kidding ourselves it would be all over within a few months. But few of us believed it.

We had officers of all nationalities in our camp, and the cooks did their best to put a bit of variety into our normal diet of rice and potato tops.

Our Christmas dinner consisted

of some rice we had saved up from earlier rations, one or two sweet potatoes (a great luxury), some onions, and koon yik sauce.

It came up in the form of a stew. Odd pieces of colored paper laboriously collected provided our only decorations.

Yes, that was my worst Christmas!





# King Broadcasts Tomorrow But Illness Upsets Royal Christmas Routine

OWING TO HIS ILLNESS, which cast a gloom over the rejoicings over the birth of his first grandchild, the King this year has to depart from his usual custom of spending Christmas at Sandringham, his beloved Norfolk estate.

Instead, on the advice of his doctors, His Majesty is remaining in London, and it is from Buckingham Palace that tomorrow he will make his annual broadcast message to the Empire. This royal broadcast was initiated by his father, King George V, in 1932, and it has become a modern tradition of Christmas.

The change-over from Sandringham to Buckingham Palace will be a particular disappointment to the King's employees at Sandringham, who look forward every year to having the Royal Family in their midst at this time of rejoicing. The story of the normal King's Christmas at Sandringham is told below.



The Royal Family, like most of their subjects, spend Christmas at home. This charming study of the King and Queen was taken this year in the blue drawing-room on the first floor of Sandringham Palace. The Queen, who is an accomplished pianist, is playing the well-known song "The Toast."—(Photo by Baron)



Buckingham Palace, from which the King will make his broadcast tomorrow.

## What Sandringham Has Missed This Year

By ARTHUR NETTLETON

WHEN THE BRITISH Royal Family think of Christmas, their thoughts go immediately to Sandringham House, the King's country property in Norfolk. It has long been a tradition that the Royal Yuletide celebrations be held in this mansion, which was bought in 1863 by King Edward the Seventh when he was Prince of Wales, and the custom of celebrating Christmas has been broken only by the King's illness.

There are good reasons for the choice of this Norfolk residence as the scene of the festivities. Unlike Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle, it is not national property, but is owned by the King.

It is thus the place where our Royal Family can most completely abandon, for the moment, their regal status. Here Yuletide can be spent in an atmosphere of informality, and the King and Queen need invite only those guests whom they wish, uninfluenced by the normal considerations of state matters.

**Highest Honor**  
TO BE INVITED to Sandringham for Christmas, indeed, is one of the highest social honors, denoting acceptance into the inner Royal Family circle.

In Norfolk, the King is able to live the life of a country squire, too, and he can thus mark Christmas with intimate traditional observances which it would be difficult to carry out at any other royal residence. The tenants on the Sandringham estate are able to enter into the festivities, and the household staff can enjoy a degree of informality impossible elsewhere.

That is why, during the last eighty years or so, Sandringham House has been chosen for the royal Christmas "house party" far more often than any other royal place. Queen Victoria often went there for Yuletide at the invitation of Prince Edward. She preferred it to the more splendid but less intimate Buckingham Palace. To the late King George the Fifth, Sand-

ringham was "home," and he rarely spent Christmas elsewhere.

This is the picture of the Royal Christmas that Sandringham will miss this year.

Before the royal party arrives, workers on the estate have decorated the house with holly and mistletoe grown on the estate. Sometimes the Queen travels down a few days in advance, to supervise these arrangements and to attend to last-minute matters connected with her gifts for relatives and friends. She sends out between six and eight hundred presents each Yuletide, so that the days just before Christmas are very busy ones for her.

### Queen As Hostess

HER MAJESTY also regards herself as personally responsible for the comfort of her guests. She also looks after the Christmas menu, ensuring that it shall be as near the traditional thing as the present food situation allows.

The Royal household is required to observe the rationing regulations, but the Queen knows how much can be done by judicious planning. Guests arrive on Christmas Eve, and after being greeted by their Royal host and hostess are allowed to spend the evening in a most informal way. As in households throughout the world at this time, when relatives and friends gather round the festive fire, there are reminiscences to exchange and anecdotes to relate. Guesses are made about the contents of mysterious parcels which have been seen, as everyone tries to discover just what presents they will receive on the morrow.

At one time, the exchange of gifts was postponed until the evening of Christmas Day, when the never-to-be-forgotten Royal Christmas party takes place. But this rule was relaxed during Princess Elizabeth's childhood, and today the young members of the Royal Family at Sandringham have the thrill of awakening on Christmas morning to find their stockings filled.

Older guests still usually postpone their gift-giving until sometime during the evening.

### Church Optional

ANOTHER INNOVATION of comparatively recent years is that the King and Queen do not insist on everyone attending the Christmas morning service in Sandringham Church, as was done at one time. Guests and employees are permitted to follow their own inclinations in this matter, but abstinence is rare, for the service in the delightful little sanctuary on the estate is a fitting prelude to the ensuing Christmas celebrations.

A Christmas afternoon custom which has developed during the last fifteen years is for relatives and guests to gather in one of the apartments, when the King is about to make his customary radio speech to the Empire. Loud-speakers relay His Majesty's voice as he speaks into the microphone in his private study.

The dinner party, which begins at about eight in the evening, takes place in a setting which would make an admirable Christmas card picture. The shaded lights of the glittering chandeliers shed a warm glow over the scene in the great dining-room, with its glistening table and oak-paneled walls.

It is a romantic setting, entirely suited to this Royal yet intimate occasion. Seasonable decorations add their Christmassy touch, and the room is gay with flowers from the Sandringham hot-houses.

After the meal come such traditional recreations as cracker-pulling, games and dancing, and a selection of the Royal Christmas cards may be examined. The Queen may be pianist for carol-singing, for she is a talented musician. There are charades for the children, and a monster Christmas tree made magical with colored lights.

### Not Forgotten

THE HOUSEHOLD STAFF are not forgotten. They have their own "below stairs" party,

## Giant Christmas Tree In St. Pauls



This brightly lit giant Christmas Tree topped by a shining Star of Bethlehem, stands in St. Paul's Cathedral, London. Similar trees will decorate many English Churches tomorrow, and inside the encircling rail visitors are asked to place their gifts for the poor.

Although the tree is now generally accepted as the chief symbol of Christmas,

it is so far as England is concerned quite a recent custom. It dates back only to 1841.

Other Christmas customs have existed for centuries, and the origin of some is lost. One of the oldest is the use of mistletoe, the old Scandinavian plant of peace, beneath which enemies met and agreed to drop their differences.

to which everyone from the smallest pantry-boy upwards is invited. Workers on the estate also receive invitations, though if they prefer to celebrate round their own firesides they are not pressed to do otherwise.

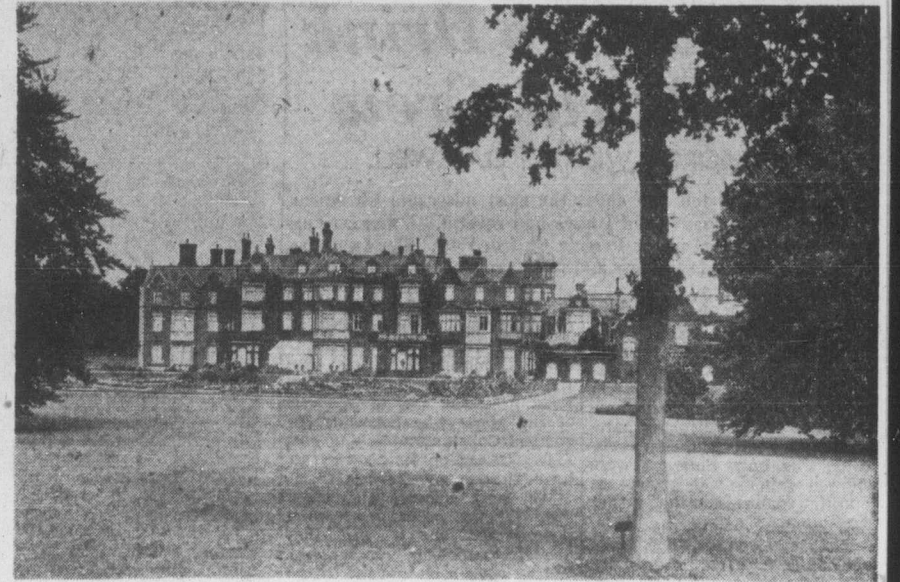
A feature of this staff party is a large Christmas tree bearing a gift from the King and Queen for everyone attending the event. Their Majesties attend the ceremony, and as each present is cut from the tree it is handed to the King or Queen, who then gives it to the person whose name it bears.

Afterwards the staff reciprocate by jointly presenting gifts

to their Majesties. The whole proceedings have a pleasant lack of ceremonial, and court etiquette is kept to the minimum.

In addition, each member of the staff receives a still more personal present from the King and Queen. This gift is usually given to them sometime during the afternoon, when the staff are summoned individually to the Sandringham drawing-room for this presentation.

The point which invariably impresses guests invited to celebrate Yuletide with our Royal Family is that the "first family in the land" spend Christmas very much as their subjects do.



Sandringham House in Norfolk is the King's own private property.

## Religious Meaning Of Christmas

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THERE are many things associated with Christmas which by their sheer simplicity and charm stir and bring to view all that is best in human nature; that cheerful abandon people give themselves to, which is the delight of the heart. Joy and happiness seem to radiate and glow everywhere; the fascination of indulging the imagination as to what life would be, if only the spirit could hold its bloom beyond the appointed season.

That mood which prompts us to sit for while to think and remember as the mind travels back across the years; the nostalgia which calls into service our reverie, then faces and voices, dear presences, companionships—all which is vividly personal and the memories which are treasured most; we are deeply moved when we "toss our thoughts" into high fellowship.

This wondrous night will find some, who, though the mind is weary and the heart perhaps sore, turn their tired eyes to the cool heavens and the stars which shine above, to meditate on the story of the choir once heard by kneeling shepherds at the midnight hour.

They will allow their hearts to be filled with a great emotion as they listen to the strains of Christmas music, voices singing the well-known hymns, till at last they bury their faces in their pillow with hearts atune and the whole being tingling with praise.

Then to arise in the morning to rejoice with the family in the surprises each has prepared for the other; to tear open the messages from their friends, who, like God, have loved them beyond their deserts. Such things are beautifully right and good. And we pray they may never cease.

### Tree Festival

BUT IN REALITY the Christmas spirit is a tree—a great Christmas tree—which cannot long be severed from its roots and continue to live. You cannot long keep the Christmas spirit and cast away the fact upon which the observance of Christmas is based. And if Christmas should go, much would go with it. Many of our hopes will shrivel up and die if the Christmas fact ceases to be a living reality mastering the mind, commanding the conscience, and flowing in the heart and glowing in the will of mankind.

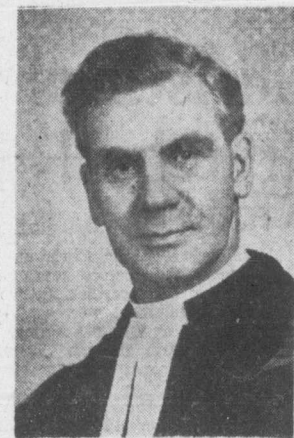
We have laughed and been jolly and friendly and generous but it could be that the background of the mood has been little deeper than a sentiment inherited but not understood.

The deepest yearning of the human heart is to come to terms with the Great Power upon which we are dependent. That is inherent in every religion. And it occupies much of the questioning of the modern mind.

I have read somewhere recently of a group of intellectuals of the late Victorian era who found themselves brought together on one occasion and in one place. Suggestions were asked from these mental giants for a topic for the evening's conversation.

### Friendly Power

FINALLY IT WAS decided that the most important question facing mankind was this "Is the Universe friendly?" It has never



DR. A. E. WHITEHOUSE

been easy to believe in the face of the hard and tragic facts of life in the friendliness of God.

The vital centre of the Christian faith is this: that the Power which holds the world in leash and governs it is a kindly power, that the wisdom which evolved our mysterious universe is a wisdom touched with pity for human frailty, and that the mighty will that moves amidst the heavens and the earth is a will inspired by love. Broadly this is the Christian belief in relation to Christmas.

The older records told how people stood at the foot of a great mountain and saw its summit shaken with earthquake and encircled with flame as the stern law was issued by which human life would be governed. God was the law-giver and was thought of as being awful, remote, isolated, terrifying. But with the Christian revelation there has come this new light and message which brought understanding and hope to mankind. It is the belief that the Eternal Word became flesh and dwelt among us; that there was a sublime moment in the world's history when the thought of God and His purpose was caught up in human kind.

### No Equivalent

THE GOSPELS of St. Matthew and St. Luke tell the wonderful and familiar stories of the nativity. St. Mark omits them as does St. John. But the last Gospel which was written at a later date than the others, though omitting them, approaches the same truths which are essential to the nativity stories, but in terms and in the flavor of Greek understanding rather than the Jewish. For the writer of the Fourth Gospel the "Word" was made flesh. The expression "Word" is a poor and inadequate translation of the original "Logos," whose meaning has no English equivalent, and which embodies the ideas of thought, wisdom, purpose, design all in one. For the narrator, these

great cosmic ideas or supernatural forces were the "logos" which became revealed in the human Jesus. In Him we behold His full glory of Grace and Truth. So the Greek mind would easily and naturally comprehend this statement of the Incarnation without the need of reference to the stories of the Nativity.

"And so the Word had breath, and wrought with human hands the creed of creeds In loveliness of perfect deeds More strong than all poetic thoughts."—Tennyson.

And further still as one of our modern mystics, Evelyn Underhill, has sung:

"I come in the little things, Faith the Lord: My starry wings I do forsake, Love's highway of humility to take: Meekly I fit my nature to your need About your gates I shall not cease to kneel— As man to speak with man— Till by such art I shall achieve My Imperial Plan Pass the low limit of the human heart."

### Superb Artistry

BUT IT IS to the Nativity stories mankind loves to turn. In the light of what the child born in Bethlehem has achieved, let alone the ultimate vision and scope of His life and teachings, we take these stories, divinely inspired, and told with dignity, restraint and beauty as the essential record of the gentle persuasive power which involves human and celestial ends, embracing as they do the destiny of the human race and running out into infinity.

With superb artistry we are told of the herald Angels who sang of a day when the starlight would no longer be reflected on human strife, poverty and disease: of wise men seeing in Him who was thus born in Bethlehem of Judea, a fitting leader of the new day and hope of humanity; of shepherds dazed, bewildered, but open to a revelation they did not understand; of Joseph and Mary confident in God though passing through tragedy; and the old couple Simeon and Anna more clear-eyed than them all.

Cold prose narrative cannot tell it. It had to be told in the celestial language of Music and Angels and Stars. It is no accident that the world's greatest artists have never ceased to lay the treasures of their art at His feet.

Let the lure of Bethlehem be accepted in fact and the world will breathe freely again. This "house of life" must provide a better welcome than it has yet. It must be better not only that life shall be better for ourselves but that the new-born and the unborn may have a home—a home bereft of strife and war and unbrotherliness, destitution and misery.

We shall not miss the religious teaching of the Incarnation and its social implications, if we hear this far-off music coming nearer as Earth again is visited by Heaven.

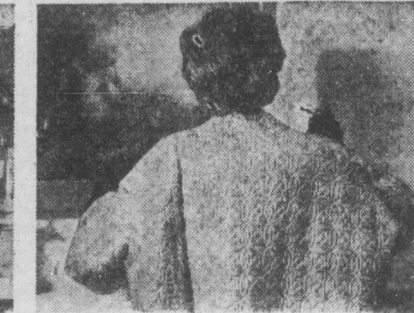
For "Inasmuch . . ."



# Dress Your Best For The Holiday Festivities

## Wrap-Up In Regal Splendor

The Long And Short Of Evening-Coat Style Story



NEW YORK (NEA)—Evening coats go to great lengths to wrap a gal up in glamour. Many glamorous coats, however, are as short as a bed jacket. What this short coat lacks in length, it gains in sumptuous splendor and sometimes an arm-to-arm span as wide as a spread-eagle's. Take the brief jacket of gold lurex lame (right) as an example. Designer Ben Reig calls this a "pyramid coat" which he ensembles for sharp contrast with a needle-slim dinner dress of velvet-trimmed black crepe. The other extreme to which coat fashions go is typified by the regal floor-sweeper (left). Taupe-colored chulana, the super-fleece which yields maximum warmth from featherweight lightness makes this Empire-styled coat of Pauline Trigere's design. This is the new silhouette with the "lost waistline," which flares extravagantly from a high point at the back of the coat but flatteringly molds the bosom and shoulder-line in front.

## Swear Off 'Ginger Bread' To Win Reputation For Chic

The moment a girl starts ripping off the "gingerbread" of clothes and decides against three of the four "joos" she thought of wearing, she is well on her way toward mastering chic.

If that's you, and you want to make a record for yourself during the holiday season, keep up the good work of dressing down.

Dresses bristling with what the garment trade calls "gingerbread"—tacked-on bows, buckles, fancy belts, corsages or what-have-you—can never compete for smartness with plain, unadorned duds. So dare to strip off flashy trimmings, if they distract interest from fabric and cut. Many a "best-dressed" movie star has admitted to me that she converts an otherwise unimportant dress into a distinctive-looking costume by stripping it down to the barest skeleton.

A lot of jewelry worn for a costume effect can never be as chic as one well-chosen necklace, bracelet, pair of earrings or pin. So, restrain your hand when you reach into the jewelry box for that other bauble.

### GOOD HAT STANDS ON OWN

If the structural design of a hat is good, strip off the detail which blurs outline and defeats chic. The same thing applies to gloves, handbags and shoes.

which are smartest when they depend upon fabric and line for interest, not upon a confusing mass of fancy detail.

The smartest hair-do is quite often the simplest. The tendency of chic women today is to use more clean shaven and healthy color, and less styling, to make hair-do's distinctive.

The smartest make-up you can wear imitates Nature's best job, which again is a matter of dressing down more than dressing up a face. By dressing down a face, we don't mean venturing out with nothing more than a little maidenly powder. Use all the tricks you know to put your best face forward, but apply make-up with a candid eye and a deft hand.

Breakfast fruits do not necessarily have to be fresh fruits. Chilled apricot whole fruit nectar, canned cling peaches and any of the dried fruits are always available, and make excellent starters for winter breakfasts.

A crisp Waldorf salad is tops for winter meals. For variety mold it in sparkling lemon-flavored gelatin dissolved in hot tangy apricot whole fruit nectar. The nectar sparkles up the flavor and makes it extra pretty.

## Give Figure A Lift

When you lift your shoulders, you give your entire figure a lift. Try squaring back your shoulders and watch the bosom rise, the waistline taper down and a stomach become miraculously flat.

These figure improvements which can be seen in a mirror should be sufficient inducement to make any woman pull up the slack.

It can be kept up, too, with a bit of consistent self-discipline. There are older women of my acquaintance with wonderfully erect figures who have admitted that they've never allowed their shoulders to slump. They say, however, that after a few weeks of deliberate discipline shoulders square off without any need for conscious control.

The trick is to stand tall and to deliberately pull up the slack until this body behavior becomes a habit. It will in time. Don't worry about that. What you need to worry about now is to keep a slump out of your posture: watch windows which you pass on the street to see if your body looks as erect as it ought to. Be aware of the taut feeling through your midriff, which won't feel or look taut unless the rib cage above it is riding high and the shoulders above the rib cage are squared off.

If you need a reminder to straighten up your midriff, wear a tight belt. The minute you slump, the belt will become unbearable.

## Tight Corset Distorts Figure

No mature woman was ever successful in slimming hips down to fledgling proportions by squeezing into a too-tight corset. Yet plenty of women do try.

Better than a too-tight corset is one that fits a mature figure easily, gives the older woman a more easy-going grace. The most that anyone can expect of a corset is that it will control curves, knit flesh more compactly, and give clothes a firmer foundation. Besides hampering freedom and "girding" a figure too obviously, an undersized corset will squeeze in hips at the expense of a waistline or cinch in a waistline at the expense of the flesh above it.

Best choice of a girdle, for the woman who wants to look slimmer, is an all-enveloping corset or a long girdle to which a diaphragm-banded bra can be securely tabbed.

## Wear Perfume As Accessory



The fine perfume which this model is using adds as much to evening glamour as the ermine cape she wears.

Wear your finest perfume as you would an ermine cape or a sable stole. But apply it so as to retain its elegance as a longer-lasting accessory.

You won't be able to preserve a fragrance very long if you dab it on hands, skin or hair or lingerie which have to be washed often. But if perfume is applied to outer clothing at areas where you run no risk of spoiling fabric, the fragrance will linger until garments need to be dry-cleaned.

Usually the safest place to apply perfume to fabrics is on

inside seams, inner waistbands, shoulder pads or pocket linings. A way to avoid the direct perfuming of fabrics and still reap the benefits of more lastingness from a fragrance is to use scented pellets. To make these, a small wad of cotton is perfume-soaked and tied up in a tiny square of soft fabric which may be tucked inside of a bra, a girdle top or the lining of a handbag. If you want your perfume to hold its own with winter furs see that its fragrance is compatible with furs. Perfumes with an animal base are usually a good choice for wear with furs.

## Black Dress A Thrifty Buy

The woman who in spite of the holiday season's temptations to wear colored dresses clings to beloved blacks probably knows what she is about.

She does, if she chooses the best black dress that she can afford to buy. The better the dress, the better is the dye that makes the fabric black. A good dye means that color will be deep, strong and flattering to begin with; will continue to remain so after a dress has had repeated cleanings.

The more simply-styled the black dress is, the more expensive it is apt to be. Simple line calls for the use of quality material and fine workmanship. But the argument for the simple

dress is that it can be kept indefinitely in wardrobe service, which in the long run spells "economy" for the woman on a budget.

If she is mature in years, she proves that she knows what she's about in picking black by the way she contrives to relieve its somberness. She will dispel any gloomy look of all-black by winding ropes and ropes of gold chains around the neckline of her dress or have more fun by mixing ropes of pearls with strands of colored beads. Such highlights are not only fashionable tricks to use this fall but are simple ones, the where-withal for which can be dug up out of a box of costume trinkets.

## Use Corsage To Accent Party Costume



Ingenuous ways to wear holiday corsages are suggested by the following arrangements. The sequin-edged nosegay (left) is held on the hand by a ribbon-wrapped wire loop. Drapery on the gown modeled (centre) is accented by a curved corsage. Flowers used for the chignon corsage (right) are wired to a comb to hold them firmly in place.

Make your holiday corsage a smart accessory by adding your imagination to the floral arrangement.

Corsages or nosegays may be worn in ingenious ways to accent a costume, or dramatize a hairstyle. Let stylists of the Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association give you some expert tips.

If your beau sends you a floral spray, curve the wire on which the flowers are strung to conform to some line of your dress. A spray can be shaped so as to repeat exactly a line of drapery or the curve of a decolletage. If you have a gown with an off-shoulder decolletage toss some hints to the man who gives you

flowers to send you a garland. Wear it to outline the front decolletage of your gown. Or attach ribbons to the garland and tie around a tiny waist.

The single gardenia which so many girls receive from masculine admirers can be worn to accent the pocket of a dinner dress to even the slit of a skirt.

In a dance-floor crush, a corsage on the hand is worth two on the shoulder. To make your corsage distinctive, attach a bracelet to it of your own devising. Attach a wire loop wrapped with velvet ribbon and slip your hand through. To give a bouquet more holiday sparkle, outline the edges with a glittering ribbon.

If you like to wear flowers twined into hair, see that the arrangement conforms in line with your coiffure. And plan to anchor flowers in place by tacking a comb or clip to the floral ornament. Individual flowers may be wired to small hair combs or to clips which have perforations for threading through wires. If you wear your hair in a chignon, tuck your corsage comb at the back to outline the neck-cleaving knot. If you wear your hair in an up-sweep, arrange flowers at the back of your curled top-knot. Or wear them tiara-fashion in front of a smoothly rolled pompadour or head-crossing braids.

## Paris Hats Have A Past



PARIS (NEA)—The impact of the Empire influence on Paris hats is seen in new styles launched by millinery designer Gilbert Orcel.

Fashions which look more like a head-dress than a hat are well represented in styles which hark back to the neo-classicist's ribbon-bound coiffure. Example is the head-dress (centre) which combines in matching tones of gray a coiffure band of glitter-embroidered velvet ribbon and a

sweep of sequin-trimmed veiling and ostrich feathers.

The Empire-styled turban is interpreted (bottom) by a small, head-moulding hat which combines satin and flannel in tones of yellow and gray. Silhouette interest derives from a sweeping sequin-trimmed egret feather.

The brim of the gray velvet toque (top) is massed with pheasant feathers over which a transparent face veil is draped.

## Woman's Influence Needed In Business

NEW YORK (CP)—A woman's place may be in the home but she should be able to talk shop with her husband.

"I think any woman is unlucky if she isn't able to talk business as an equal with the men of the family," says Mrs. Robert W. Kuhns of Dayton, Ohio, who came here with her husband to attend the National Association of Manufacturers' Congress.

Three thousand industrialists were at the meeting but a few were women.

Mrs. Kuhns was a director of the family business, which makes cast-iron fittings, until her two sons returned from the war.

But she still doesn't feel left out when they "shop-talk" at home, "which is what they do every night."

Miss N. Myra Glazier of Worcester, Mass., who owns a plant for making envelopes, started her career as a \$2.50-a-week cashier and "managed to scrape up from there."

"I have a small business so I know all the girls and men and they know me," she said. "My office door is never closed. When we go off in summer on picnics, I ride in the bus with the others."

"I'm sure to know about the romances and the weddings; and if sorrow strikes a home, I know about that, too."

## Knitting Book Shows Many Styles

Back in the days of World War I and immediately afterwards, the "Hemlock" wrap was one of the rage of the women's fashion world. It was a kind of shawl-like garment with huge tassels dangling from the sleeves and down the centre of the back. It and ladies' knitted stockings were among the features of the first hand knitting books issued by the Monarch Knitting Company.

Today, 31 years later and to mark the issuance of its 100th instruction book, the company has published a profusely illustrated "Jubilee" edition. Described as seven books in one, it contains instructions on how to knit everything from babies' bonnets and novelties to men's and ladies' sweaters in styles that are as modern as television. Double the size of the first, which was issued in 1917, and containing more than twice as many illustrations, the "Jubilee" book is being made available through company dealers.

Apricots or peach whole fruit nectar make elegant sauces for serving over such things as rice or bread puddings. Combine nectar with crushed pineapple, a bit of sugar for sweetening and cornstarch for thickening. Cook until thickened and serve warm over puddings.

## Interior Decorator Brightens Offices

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Businessmen of many countries swing large deal here in a setting made attractive by the lively blonde mother of two teen-age children.

Mrs. Alma B. Rawlinson, chief decorator of the swank New Orleans International Trade Mart, has provided a background of murals and bright color for their transactions.

"It's really like a country general store, my job is to keep it from looking like one," she said. The mart has 300 wholesale offices representing 26 foreign countries and 500 U.S. firms.

In the offices are displayed wares ranging from tractors to baby buggies and from pharmaceuticals to pet and poultry supplies. Visiting buyers can examine the wares and place their orders, avoiding long trips to many states or other countries.

Working for 300 bosses all at once wasn't easy—but Mrs. Rawlinson says she enjoyed decorating the mart, which opened in November.

She is a native of New Orleans but was educated in the east and spent several years apprenticed to a New York architect.

Chopped cooked prunes combined with diced crisp bacon, chopped sweet pickles, a bit of mustard and mayonnaise make an excellent tasting sandwich. Spread between slices of buttered whole wheat bread.

## Gay Party Frocks Take A Bow



NEW YORK (NEA)—Revived to make little girls' party frocks as pretty as picture book drawings are overskirts of contrasting cottons. The old-fashioned panier, for example, bows back to a modern encore. This fancy overskirt of the 19th century which encouraged little girls to curtsy gracefully bounces out again over pert, crisp dresses such as the one of dark cotton print pictured (left). The overskirt is a pleated cutaway of pastel chambray which matches a dress yoke and ruffled caps that stand up like wings above tiny puffed sleeves. Able to match the charms of the panier is the apron overskirt edged with ruffles. The one (right) of ruffled plaid cotton spreads its charms over a dress of solid color broadcloth. Sleeve bandings of plaid tie the saucy little apron into the design of the dress.



# 'Twas A Happy Accident That Gave The World 'Silent Night', Best-Loved Christmas Hymn



It was the day before Christmas, 1818, in the tiny village of Oberndorf in the Austrian Tyrol. Franz Gruber, young church organist, was testing the organ—when it broke down. Unable to repair it and foreseeing ruin of the coming Christmas services, he rushed to . . .



parish curate, and poured out his woe. "Father," he said, "unless we find music simple enough to sing without rehearsal, our Christmas services will be without music!" The curate agreed to write some verses if Gruber would do the music. A call . . .



. . . came that night for Father Mohr to go to a home where a first-born son had just arrived. The night was far from "calm and bright." A howling blizzard swept down from the surrounding peaks and the swirling snow and bitter wind caused the priest to draw his cloak tighter about him. Returning from his mission, he suddenly realized the storm had stopped. The wind had calmed, moonlight silvered the snow-topped houses and stars winked from the blue-black sky. Inspired by this calm and his visit to the young mother and child, he hurried . . .



. . . home and set down the immortal words "Heilige nacht! Stille nacht!" and the rest of the verses seemed to write themselves. Organist Gruber, noting the words' beauty and simplicity, spent the rest of the night composing a simple melody. On Christmas Day . . .



. . . the congregation, awaiting the sonorous peal of the organ, was astonished when, up in the choir loft, the organist strummed his guitar and started singing "Silent Night," supported by the curate's strong baritone. But hymn might have remained local folk song had not . . .



. . . an organ repairman arrived from a nearby town a few days later. He heard the air, learned it and sang it back in his native city. It was taken up by a roving choral group, which carried it to other parts of the country. Whoever heard it, loved it, so that in time . . .



. . . it was known and sung all over the world by nearly every race and nationality—by Sudanese Arabs, by Hindu boys in India, by East Africans, Chinese and Japanese, as well as Europeans. It came to America in 1850 and immediately became a favorite for Christmas carolers.

## Uncle Ray Sends Greetings

EACH YEAR at Christmas time I write what may be described as a Christmas talk. I try to think of the readers of this column, who live from sea to sea on this continent, also in foreign lands, and I wish them one and all a Merry Christmas.

It is hard to think of all the readers of this column at one time. They live in many places— including the Union of South Africa and the Philippine Islands and they are of many ages.

When I start writing, as a young man, I meant to reach boys and girls between the ages of eight and 16. It seemed to me that they were eager to know about the great world around them, about the customs of foreign lands and the lives of famous people.



It appears that millions of boys and girls in the age group I chose are faithful followers of the column. Yet I have received letters from thousands of readers in other age groups. I have heard from college students, from children only five or six years old, and from men and women in middle life, also from

some who might be called "aged," though they have youthful minds.

Some years ago I wrote about a comet which had appeared in the sky 80 years before, and said that I wondered whether any reader had seen it. After that article appeared, I received letters from a dozen men and women living in various parts of Canada and the United States, each telling of having seen the comet mentioned.

Those readers ranged in age from 90 to 95 years. When I think of the friendly readers who live in so many places, I feel cheered. To every person who reads these words, I send my warm good wishes, and my hope that he or she will enjoy a happy Yuletide season. I should like very much to extend this greeting personally, but if I am not able to see all readers in person, at least I can tell them with printed words.

## Perky Prepares For Christmas

By FLORENCE LARINDE

IT WAS THE NIGHT before Christmas, and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even Perky of Dewdney Avenue. As a matter of fact this is one wire-haired "pooch" who isn't going to move from in front of the fireplace, cats or high water.

"After all I've been through in these past few weeks," said Perky, lifting a drooping head, "it's been enough to send a good dog mad."

"Take for instance the social 'does,' luncheons and parties that have been going on around here. The going gets a little rough when my mistress's friends get together for a chat and a spot of tea and for the first half hour I'm 'absolutely the cutest little thing, but some of them have the idea as long as they pat me on the head, jarring the better part of my teeth loose, that I've got to sit there and take it.' 'Guess I've got so much more than Lassie, why should I fight it?'"

### HEAD-ON COLLISION

"Sometimes it gets to a point where a 'fella' can't call a doghouse his own." "The other day after spending a few hours picking out 'spots' to bury my most-favored bones, I sauntered back to my little 'home in the west' to catch forty winks. Well, sir, I stormed in, in my usual hurried way, and smacked head-on into a brick wall, or something as hard. Upon further investigation it turned out that my abode was being used for a hiding place for Christmas packages. There's no accounting for people."

At this point in his story

Perky was interrupted when his master walked into the room wearing an overcoat and muffler, ready for their evening jaunt.

"Course, I know what this means on a Christmas Eve, we'll drop in to see most of our neighbors, I'll probably be crawled over by most of the kiddies, but the one thing I'll remember to keep away from this year is fancy wrapped packages of any kind. Last year I sniffed around some of the parcels and was almost certain I could smell meat in one of them. I tore through the top wrapping and the cardboard container with all the delicacy of a steam roller. I've passed that neighbor's house many times since then but just as I reach their front gate the next sound I hear is the slam of the front door."

### JO-JO AS USUAL

At the end of our walk we'll stop a few minutes to say hello to Jo-Jo's mistress. Jo-Jo's my socially inclined feline friend. Now, Jo-Jo's mistress I like. She'll give me a warm welcome and serve me some of the most delectable morsels I've ever tasted, but Jo-Jo will be his usual sophisticated self, decked out in a new red collar for the occasion.

"But here it is Christmas Eve and I've rambled on like a bit of a spool-sport myself instead of being appreciative of the wonderful home and family I have. There'll be a new collar and plate filled to the rim with hamburger awaiting me at my Christmas dinner tomorrow. Who wouldn't be a dog, what with hamburger at 50c a pound!"

## The Adventures Of A Loveable Little Squirrel Simple Dimple

By Cousin Michael



"SO YOU WANT to know what I find when I look the situation over?" Father Squirrel said as he settled himself before the fire.

"When I go out beyond the blue hills looking for food to keep you full during the winter, I see many things . . . the frogs in the swamp, the bees in their honey-houses, the eagles in their nests. I see country that you have never seen, and I talk with those who can tell me whether it is going to be a long winter or a short one. You see, Dimple, when you get older, you will have to worry about all sorts of things. We grown-ups are not able to play all the time."

### Couldn't Understand

Dimple couldn't quite understand this, but his father was always saying things that he couldn't quite understand.

"I have things that worry me too, Pop. The birds and how they fly, and those odd-shaped creatures that walk on two legs and grunt in the silliest way. I haven't seen many of them, but I would so like to meet one. How can I do it?"

"Well," his father replied, "I have a friend, Polly Parrot. She says she can speak the language of the Two-footed Grunters. I'll take you with me when you're a little older, and we'll see if we can't find one. They're pretty nervous animals, and they generally carry great sticks that go off with a loud bang. You've got to watch them carefully."

Dimple could hardly wait for his father to take him out to

see a Grunter. Perhaps by his next birthday he would be allowed to go.

Next day, Dimple heard a swooshing sound outside. Even before he dressed, he rushed to the windows, and there he saw water coming down all over the place as far as he could see. He'd often seen little showers, but never a big downpour like this one. Pushing his face close to the window-pane, with the little drops of water running down outside, "Does it rain like this all over the place?" he thought to himself.

A large drop of water ran down the glass right in front of his eyes, and as it rolled down, Dimple heard it say, "Don't be silly. If it rained like this all over the place, pretty soon there'd be nothing but water, and then you'd have to learn to swim!"

Before Dimple could ask the raindrop how it knew what he was thinking, it had disappeared over the ledge and had dropped to the ground below. Just then, another raindrop hit the window-pane and Dimple spoke up. "How did the other raindrop know what I was thinking? And if you are so smart, can you tell me why you suddenly decide to rain here and not some place else?"

### Short But Sweet

Rain dropped a couple of inches and then clung to the window-pane. "We're pretty popular. We make things grow. We've got to spread ourselves out and fall here one time and there the next." And with a sudden flip, he disappeared over the ledge too.

"Hmmm. That's the shortest conversation I've ever had." And Dimple hurried into his clothes and went down to breakfast. Before he sat down at the table, his mother asked him if he'd made his bed and Dimple as usual said no. Up the winding stairs in the hollow of the old tree he ran. He pulled up the covers made of leaves, straightened his moss pillow,

patted down the bumps, and hurried back to breakfast.

By this time Father Squirrel had gone to business at the nut warehouse. Mother Squirrel told Dimple to hurry up because she had to go down to the corner store to buy fresh acorns that had just come in.

It was still raining when Dimple had finished his breakfast. He didn't know what to do. His mother told him not to go out unless he wore his rubbers, and they were such a nuisance to get on and off. Dimple thought for a while. He hadn't seen his friend Ruffles Fox lately, and he'd like very much to see how Fir Tree was getting along, so struggling with his rubbers, and putting on his rain coat and hat, he took his little umbrella and went down the tree.

There right below was a big puddle. He slopped right into it. His mother had told him not to, but he didn't care. The water squished and squelched, and it was so much fun.

### Covered With Mud

After he'd got his rubbers all covered in mud, he wandered off to Ruffles' house. The cliff wasn't very far away, and after what he'd heard his mother say last night about the Fox family, he wondered how long Ruffles was going to be around. He was very careful as he walked not to tread too heavily on the leaves of the forest floor. They had done him a good turn once, they might be able to do him a good turn again. "You never can tell," thought Dimple to himself.

When he got to Ruffles' door, he knocked politely. Mrs. Fox told him to leave his umbrella, coat, hat and rubbers outside and to come in.

Dimple blurted right out, "I hear that Mr. Fox isn't doing so well and you're going to have to leave. Is it true?"

Dimple wasn't very diplomatic. He just had to know if he was going to lose his friend.

## STAMPS Famous Forgery Remained Undetected For Quarter Of A Century

STAMP FORGERIES may be divided into two main classes: those which are made to deceive collectors, and those which are made to defraud the government. As a rule the former are carefully avoided by philatelists, though specialists like to include in their collection all forgeries of the particular country in which they may be specializing, for the sake of completeness, and for reference.

It may surprise some readers to learn that fakes of the second group are quite highly prized, and frequently fetch more than the genuine stamp which they are intended to represent. A case in point is the 1871-72 famous Stock Exchange forgery of Great Britain, so called because practically all known specimens were used at the branch post office at the London Stock Exchange.

They were mostly used on telegrams, for in Britain the Telegraphs are a branch of the Post

Office, and telegrams can be prepaid with postage stamps which are affixed to the government copy, and cancelled with a date stamp in the same manner as a stamp on an envelope.

The remarkable point about this forgery, which distinguishes it from all others, is that the deception went undiscovered for nearly a quarter of a century, by which time the trail of the culprit had grown so cold that no prosecution was ever attempted.

It is true that the few clues available all seemed to point to a certain benign and respectable old gentleman who had been living in comfortable retirement for many years in an English residential town.

But for want of sufficient evidence he was allowed to enjoy the fruits of his unlawful enterprise undisturbed, so it must be admitted that in this particular instance at least, crime did pay quite handsomely!

Another interesting feature of the case is that the discovery was not made by a lynx-eyed official, but by a well-known London dealer, Charles Nissen, who sometime around 1900 bought from the government a bale of old telegram forms with the stamps still affixed.

On looking over some hundreds of the one shilling stamps his professional eye detected that the check letters which were incorporated in the design of the 1871 issue, in some instances showed an impossible combination. These check letters appear in each corner of the stamp, the letter at top left indicating the row in the sheet and at top right, the position in the row. The lower corners show the same letters in reverse. Thus, the first stamp in a sheet would be lettered AAAA, the second one ABBA, and so on.

Nissen was therefore astonished to note a variation of this rule. He soaked one of the stamps off the telegram, and saw that it was unwatermarked, proving conclusively that the stamp was a forgery, for all British stamps are watermarked, as a safety measure.

Had these forged stamps been used on mail instead of on telegrams the fraud would have been detected in short order. For the government has at its disposal a free of charge, the services of thousands of stamp collector experts who, for their own amusement, are continually scanning new issues as they appear, looking for variations for their collections.

But the Stock Exchange forgeries were all filed away on the telegraph forms with other official records, for many years, and so escaped notice. (The forger in this case must have had the collaboration of an accomplice in the P.O., of course.)

## Double Grand Coup Wins Little Slam

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

TO THE MILLIONS of card players throughout the nation, may I wish you all a Merry Christmas!

Many of you have made the lives of others happier by conducting card parties for different charities, or for your lodges or own card groups. For this work I want to congratulate you, and if you have an especially good idea for such parties during the coming year, send it on to me. I will pass it on to other groups, to help them increase their income from card parties.

For Christmas I am first giving you one of those unusual double grand coup hands. When West held the opening lead with the ace of diamonds, he shifted to a spade. Declarer won this trick in dummy with the ten-spot, and led the seven of hearts, finessing the nine-spot. Then he went back to dummy with another spade, played the deuce of hearts and finessed the ten.

A small club was won in dummy with the king and the king of spades was led. Declarer trumped this good spade with the six of hearts. The ten of dia-

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monds was led to dummy's king, the three of diamonds trumped with the jack of hearts, the ace of clubs was cashed and the last club led to dummy's queen.

Now South led dummy's ace of spades. East had to trump it. Declarer over-trumped the five of hearts with the queen and the ace picked up the king for a double grand coup.

## 'Tele' No Threat To Movies

By ERSKINE JOHNSON

HOLLYWOOD — Will motion pictures have a future in television? Here's the answer, from the brass hats of both radio and movies, as quoted by the trade magazine Hollywood Reporter in a booklet titled, "Television and what the motion picture industry is thinking and doing about it."

Eric Johnston, president, Motion Picture Association: "Motion pictures, in my judgment, will be the sturdy backbone of television. I think the overwhelming bulk of television programming will be built on motion pictures."

Spyros Skouras, president, Twentieth Century-Fox Pictures: "Large screen television is moving ahead rapidly and by 1952 a majority of important theatres will be equipped for television projection. The motion picture industry will then receive its

greatest impetus since the advent of sound."

### "TAKES AN AUDIENCE"

BARNEY BALABAN, president, Paramount Pictures: "Self-anointed prophets are asserting that television will empty the theatres because television will make a theatre out of every man's living room. It takes more than a show to make a theatre, it takes an audience."

N. J. Blumberg, president, Universal-International Pictures: "I am convinced that motion picture film will be to television what the transcription is to radio."

Nicholas Schenck, president, M-G-M: "It remains to be seen to what extent television will take audiences away from the motion picture theatre. To date television has presented programs that compete, not with

movies, but with night-time radio."

Lewis Allen Weiss, chairman, Mutual Broadcasting System: "Film is a vital part of television programming and each year the demand for it grows as the number of our daily telecasting periods increases. This is not the day of the million-dollar film epic for television, but modern, intelligent low-budget pictures are in demand."

Wayne Coy, chairman, FCC: "Television must look to Hollywood for one of the most substantial contributions to its programming structures." Samuel Goldwyn: "Television itself will never be other than a good friend of motion pictures. Each medium will complement the other, although television technique needs the resources of the films more than the films need television."



These two youngsters are making a last-minute inspection to make sure that the chimney is not choked up for the arrival of Santa Claus.



# HOLIDAY PUZZLES & PASTIMES

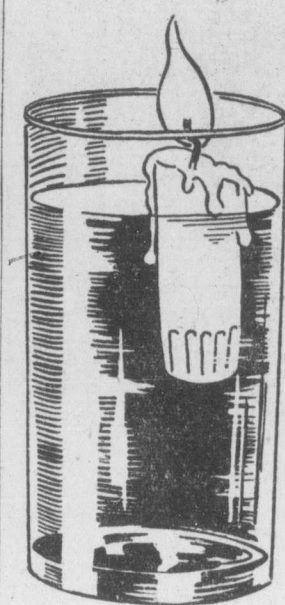
## By Candlelight



## Xmas XXX's

**IN GEOMETRY** X represents an unknown fact. The single X in Xmas doesn't imply there's only one fact about Xmas that's unknown. Many facts about Xmas traditions are not generally known. How many of the queries in this Whiz Quiz about Xmas do you know? Answering 12 or more of the questions correctly is above average; 16 or more is excellent.

1. Santa Claus is a contraction of what person's name?
2. Our idea of what Santa Claus looks like comes from a cartoon concept of him (above) established by what celebrated American artist?
3. (a) Joyeux Noel; (b) Wesoły Świąt; (c) Froehliche Weihnachten; (d) Feliz Navidad all mean Merry Christmas. In what languages?
4. The first Christmas gifts, the offerings carried to the Christ Child by the Magi, were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_?
5. The memorable Christmas story, The Gift of the Magi, was written by what American author?
6. Probably the most famous of stories appropriate to the season, A Christmas Carol, was written by what British author?
7. Best-known Christmas poem, usually called The Night Before Christmas, was by \_\_\_\_\_?
8. From that poem we get the familiar names for Santa Claus' reindeer, Dasher, Vixen, Prancer, Comet, Donder, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_?
9. In some European countries, Dec. 6, not Dec. 25, is the customary day for handing out Christmas gifts. Why?
10. And among some people, even in this country, Jan. 6 is observed as Christmas. Why?
11. A red flower commonly associated with Christmas, gets its name from an American statesman. What was his name?
12. What was the first name of the little girl who wrote the letter to a newspaper and inspired a classic "editorial," "Is There a Santa Claus?" (Give yourself a bonus of 10 points if you also know her last name.)
13. What great and decisive battle fought on American soil began on Christmas, 1776?
14. The following Christmas, 1777, the great explorer, James Cook, discovered and named Christmas Island in what ocean?
15. What state has a post office named Santa Claus, from which a great deal of Christmas mail is sent?
16. The Christmas tree is of German origin and is not a custom in all countries. For example, instead of a tree our good neighbors, the Mexicans, set up a gayly-colored pinata, which is a \_\_\_\_\_?
17. The ornament that commonly adorns the top of a Christmas tree is symbolic of what phenomenon of the First Christmas?
18. Mistletoe is associated with Christmas festivities because it was the sacred plant of what people?
19. What's missing in the proverb, "As many \_\_\_\_\_ as you taste at Christmas so many happy months will you have?"
20. You've doubtlessly heard Jingle Bells dozen of times, but have you heard of its author, John \_\_\_\_\_?



Here's a Christmas party trick you can do.

Produce a length of candle and a glass of water. Light the candle. Invite a guest to place the candle in the water so that it will float upright and not fall over and have its flame doused. Probably the guest will fail.

Now, produce a second piece of candle (explaining that you must use another piece because the wick of the first is wet). Light it and place it in the glass of water.

The secret is to prepare your second candle in advance. Hollow out space in the bottom of the candle for a nail of sufficient size to keep the candle upright in the water.

## You Auto Know

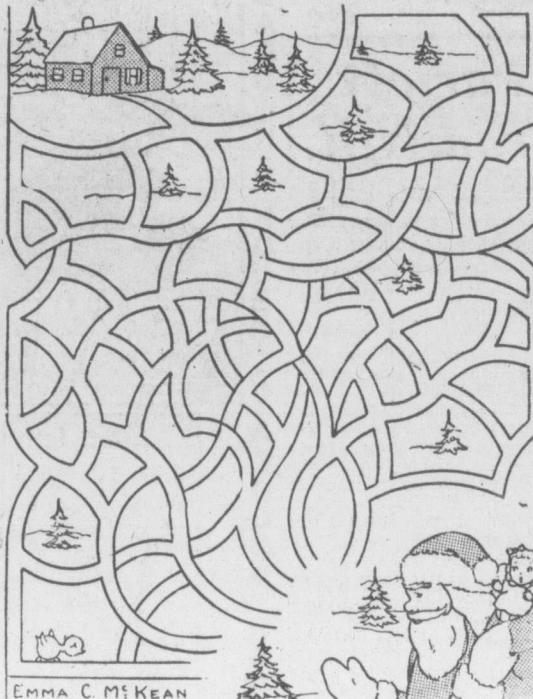
A truck, carrying a heavy load had to detour from the main highway. The detour route led through a tunnel underneath a railroad. The driver failed to note the clearance sign at the tunnel entrance and didn't realize that the truck might not clear the tunnel top. A few feet from the entrance the wheels stopped rolling; the truck was jammed against the ceiling.

The driver and his helper began trying to shift the load so as to allow clearance. Time went on and traffic began to jam. The men were about to admit defeat when along came a little boy on his way fishing.

The boy took the situation in at a glance, then made a suggestion to the driver. The truck was out of the tunnel in five minutes. What suggestion did the little boy make?

Solution: The boy told the driver to let his fish out of the truck. The driver then lowered the load and the truck cleared the tunnel.

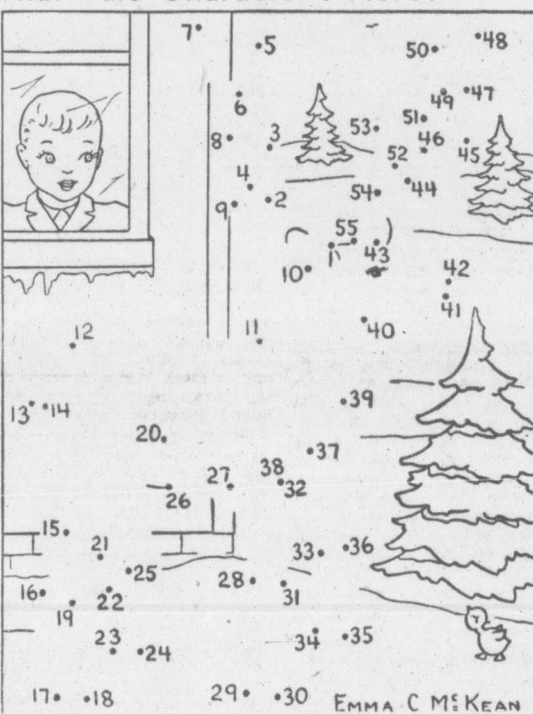
## What's Santa's Route?



EMMA C. McKEAN

Taking a pencil and starting at the bottom, see if you can find the right route for Santa Claus to take back to his house, and then trace out the route without having to go over any part of it twice. When you have solved it, color it appropriately with crayons. By the way, be careful never to place crayons in your mouth. It has been found that dyes used to give the crayons their colors are poisonous.

## What Yule Character's Here?



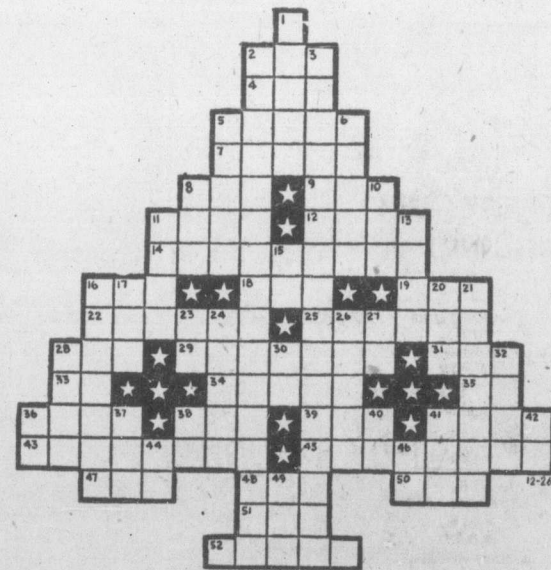
This boy, looking eagerly for signs that Christmas is approaching, sees something mentioned in many a Christmas story. To find what it is, take a pencil and draw connecting lines from dot 1 up to dot 55. Where two numbers are close to one dot, use it for both. Then color picture appropriately.

Solution: The boy is looking for signs that Christmas is approaching. The numbers 1 through 55 are scattered around the illustration of a Yule character, and the puzzle is to connect the dots to reveal the character.

## CHRISTMAS TREE HUNG WITH QUIZ-CROSSWORDS

### HORIZONTAL

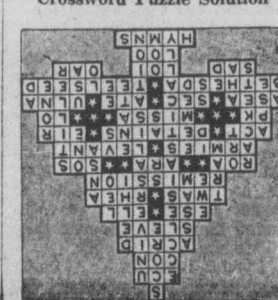
- 2—A shield of the Middle Ages.
- 4—To read or study with care.
- 5—Biting to the taste.
- 7—Part of a dress (variant spelling).
- 8—A point of the compass (abbr.).
- 9—Unit of measure for cloth.
- 11—What is the first word (contraction) of the popular poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas"?
- 12—Who was the mother of the gods and the wife of Kronos?
- 14—Abatement of a penalty.
- 16—The brown kiwi of New Zealand.
- 18—Who was the goddess of retribution and destruction?
- 19—Wireless code signal of distress.
- 22—Organized hosts of men trained for armed combat.
- 25—What is the name of the region between Italy and the Euphrates River?
- 28—Exertion of mental or physical power.
- 29—Prevents from proceeding.
- 31—Who was the Norse goddess of healing and peace?
- 33—What measure of capacity (abbr.) is equal to eight quarts?
- 34—The service of the mass.
- 35—What is an American Indian called in allusion to a line of "Pope's Essay on Man"?
- 36—Completely lost or without any understanding of a matter.
- 38—Dry; said of some wines.
- 39—Partook of food.
- 41—A bone of the forearm.
- 43—What pool, mentioned in the book of St. John, was near the sheep market at Jerusalem?
- 45—Seed of the sesame.
- 47—Depressed in spirits.



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### Crossword Puzzle Solution



# Now Is Time To Take Hardwood Cuttings

BY CECIL SOLLY

ONE OF THE MOST important reasons that gardeners use the "cutting" method of plant propagation to increase the number of plants of any item, is that this method is one of the most simple of many in which absolute certainty of true reproduction is assured. Should a gardener have an unusually fine kind of flowering shrub, an especially good rose bush or a satisfactory variety of grape, it may be reproduced with absolute certainty by taking as many "cuttings" as needed to increase the number of plants as desired.

During the winter months, and especially during this month, is a very good time to start cuttings of many plants. Gardeners who do not have the advantage of possessing a small greenhouse, may "start" many cuttings right out of doors in the garden, with every assurance of getting most of them to root.

The procedure of taking the cuttings and planting them is quite a simple one provided the common natural rules are followed carefully. The correct description of cuttings that are taken at this time of the year is ripewood cuttings. They should be taken from growth that was formed naturally early last summer and that ripened during the fall and early part of the winter just passed. The first important step to be remembered is that they must be taken from the current season's growth that has become thoroughly ripened before use.

Growths that were formed on bushes or shrubs late in the summer, generally have not had time to become properly ripened, and because of the lack of enough time have not had the chance to store up in themselves sufficient plant materials which will go to work on the production of a new set of roots as soon as is needed.

## Selection Easy

For all shrubs or trees, that drop their leaves in winter, this selection is easy. Select strong, healthy growths from which all leaves have already fallen. Cuttings of both climbing and bush roses, flowering currant, forsythia, flame azalea, jasmine, barberry, privet, kerria, grapes, gooseberries, currants, blueberries, deutzia, spiraea, and many other deciduous shrubs may be satisfactorily propagated now.

Many shrubs and trees are pruned at this time of the year. The material that is removed

from these plants often forms a good source of supply of cuttings, especially if the plants have been cut back severely.

Choose strong, sturdy, new well-ripened branches. They should be quite straight and preferably thicker than a lead pencil. The top, thinner part should always be removed, cutting it with a very sharp knife or sharp shears. The cut should be made just above a bud, slanting towards it, leaving as little wood above the bud as possible without damaging it. For general use the cutting should be about 10-12 inches long. Longer cuttings are not nearly so likely to be satisfactory as all that is needed is to have a sufficient amount of the "slip" below ground to form roots and a piece above ground on which two or three buds may be induced to make top growth.

## Slanting Cut

The cut at the bottom should be slanting and made immediately at the point where a leaf joins and a bud shows. The bud itself and leaf must be removed, but cut at this spot if possible, for it is here that nature has stored the vital hormone materials that will produce the root growth.

The lower part of the cutting is going to be planted in the soil. Should there be any leaves or buds on this part they should be rubbed off with the thumb. The cuttings, now prepared, should be placed in a moist shady place in the garden for a couple of days to enable the ends to dry a little and commence to form a calous.

Most cuttings have a very small amount of the necessary root-producing plant hormones stored in themselves. As a very great assistance to production of many more roots quickly, all gardeners now dip the lower end of their cuttings into a good hormone powder which is for sale

at all good garden supply stores. Any out-of-the-way place in the garden may be chosen for setting the cuttings. The only requirements are that the soil must be well drained and that the position should be a slightly protected one if possible.

The cuttings will not need to be disturbed after planting and should remain where they are set.

## In Rich Soil

To prepare the place, a rich soil should be selected if possible. Failing this, dig a trench a foot wide and as long as necessary and fill it with good garden soil. On no account should any manure or decaying humus be used in this or the rooting of the cuttings will be checked or entirely stopped.

Some gardeners allow the cuttings to slant at an angle while others set them upright. It does not seem to matter much which of these two methods are used as results seem to be equally good in either case.

Be sure, however, that the cuttings are surrounded entirely with the sand or vermiculite. In sand the roots form more quickly and grow much faster. The object of having sand up around the remainder of the part of the cutting which is below ground is to avoid any damage to the skin, or drying out. The skin of the bark which grew originally above ground was not meant, by nature, to be covered and it does not have a waterproofed covering such as is found on all plants' roots.

Some evergreen shrubs may be propagated from hardwood cuttings this month in the same manner as described for the deciduous shrubs. The most successful are the fast-growing evergreens like English laurel, English privet, firethorn cotoneaster, aucuba, barberry, quince, boxwood and euonymus.

# Scotch Broom At Sooke

By ROBERT CONNELL

A FORTNIGHT AGO I referred to the winter flowers of the gorse; since then their numbers have increased in spite of winds and rain. And now the broom is showing here and there a flower or two, a more unseasonable thing with it than with its prickly rival. With the latter one may come across large clusters of flowers on the summits of the prickly branches, but with the broom only here and there a shy one.

I wonder why the broom is so often called "Scotch broom"? It is certainly not a distinctively Scottish shrub, for not only is it abundant in England but in western Europe, as is the gorse. It may be due to the praise of it sung by some Scottish poets. It may also be due to the fact that at one time before the rise of modern agricultural methods in Scotland very large areas of the southern part of that kingdom appear to have run wild to broom as some parts of southern Vancouver Island tend to do today.

Here there is this excuse that the broom of Sooke, I believe the first on the island, certainly came from Scotland, not directly but by way of the Sandwich Islands. The growth about Victoria appears to have had a different origin and has been credited to more than one pioneer.

## Regal Bloom

It is interesting to note that the broom has a regal connection. The family that occupied the English Throne from the middle of the twelfth century to the end of the fourteenth, received its name of Plantagenet from its founder, the Count of Anjou, who is said to have had a taste for displaying in his cap as a badge a branch of broom, planta genista, hence the name Plantagenet, by way of the French.

Apart from these rare flowers of the season the winter is not without its notes of color. For example the other day I

walked through a bit of wild country in our outskirts and was struck with the pleasing effect of the leafless thickets.

Under the lowering sky the color was intensified into masses of purplish grey and crimson. The latter color was so unusual that I walked over to it and found that it proceeded from the bare stems of Nookia rose bushes, in close formation and covering a space of about 300 square feet.

The leaves all gone and only the thin gray thorns left, the stems were ornamented by swelling buds of the same glowing color as themselves. A few scattered hips dotted the gayer color with their decaying tints.

## Bright Scene

The purplish grey thickets were chiefly of snowberry and were brightened by the round bunches of white fruit hanging from the tips and bending the slender branches into so many bows. In the taller thickets there was actually already a tinge of green from the swelling buds of the osoberry.

A few warm sunny days would bring forth many a cluster of leaf and flower, but that is perhaps too much to expect as yet: some of the buds open their flowers weakly in the house.

The rank growth of escaped garden blackberries presents a pleasing variation of color. Much of it still retains the green of summer, the verdancy in striking contrast with the reddish purple of the angular and coarsely prickly stems that spread over the native bushes like some tropical growth.

But the greenery of the greater part of the growth is of last season's leaves in various broken here and there by patches of yellow and copper red. At the rate of this plant's progression in the last few years there will soon be little left of the native shrubbery.

## Holly Spreads

I have noted before the spread of holly in favorable corners of our wild woods. The work still goes on and new plants in their shining green leafage appear each year. Were it not for the absence of berries these seedlings would be powerful competitors on the Christmas market. John Evelyn, the noted English

writer about trees and plants of the latter half of the eighteenth century thus praises the holly: "Above all the natural greens which enrich our home-born store there is none certainly to be compared to the holly; inasmuch as I have often wondered at our curiosity after foreign plants and expensive difficulties to the neglect of the culture of this vulgar but incomparable tree, whether we will propagate it for use and defence, or for sight and ornament. Is there under heaven a more glorious and refreshing object of the kind than an impenetrable hedge of 162 feet in length, seven feet high and five in diameter, which I can show in my poor garden at any time of the year, glittering with its armed and varnished leaves, the taller standards at orderly distances blushing with their natural coral." I have modernized the spelling at the sacrifice of some of the quaintness of the old writer.

One of the most charming sights I can recall was a long churchyard hedge of holly at Easingwold in Yorkshire at Christmas tide when the green and scarlet was set off by a light fall of snow.

## Popular With Kids

To turn to humbler matters: the little crane's-bill known popularly as Herb-Robert and unfortunately also as Stinking Crane's-bill, which has grown for many years, 25 to my knowledge, by the sidewalk of one of our streets, is still wearing some of its pretty little pink flowers among its green and red leaves.

It is an importation from the British Isles, where it has from time immemorial been a favorite flowering plant of the children. The strong odor of the leaves and stems is unpleasant to many but seems never to have lessened its popularity with the young-hearted.

Not very far from this patch of winter color I found another wild geranium, only too common as a weed in gardens, the dove's foot crane's-bill. Its small downy leaves on low prostrate reddish stems are round in general outline though cut into several lobes which in turn are toothed. They are velvety to the touch so the plant is known botanically as Geranium molle, the soft geranium.



# Christmas Day Highlights On Your Radio

By FLORENCE LARINDE

To provide a climax for the festive listening season BBC's annual, round-the-world Empire Broadcast to be heard on CBR at 6 a.m. and on Dominion network at 6.30 p.m., with the famous British actor Robert Donat, who will act as master of ceremonies for the whole broadcast, will launch a series of Christmas Day radio headliners. The Empire Broadcast will be followed by His Majesty's Christmas message to be heard at 7 a.m. and again at 3 p.m. and 10.15 p.m.

## Emcee Of Empire Show



The BBC has engaged British film star Robert Donat to serve as narrator for the broadcast and the London Symphony will provide interlude music.

This year, the theme Good Neighbors will be the dominant one in the Empire Broadcast. Reports and messages from all parts of the Commonwealth and Empire will illustrate the good neighbor spirit at work. Canada's contribution is to originate in Toronto from the 7000 Club, which was started a year ago by new Canadian citizens brought to this country under the Province of Ontario's immigration scheme.

Since its beginning the club's membership has grown to almost 1,500 and, recently, the 7000 Club decided to open its doors to native Canadians as well as recent immigrants.

### REGULAR SPORTS FEATURE

For sports fans the regular hockey broadcast will be heard at 6.05 over CBR with Detroit playing at Toronto.

Please check time and stations for all programs on radio schedule.

Don Ameche has a home at Malibu, a five-times-a-week radio show in Hollywood and has just rented a room in Pasadena so he can be near his horses when they run at Santa Anita.

Economy idea: Andy Devine told me about the time Alan Dwan was directing him in a picture. The producer came down to the set and bawled out Dwan for being two days behind schedule. Dwan, who had been haunted by the producer ever since the film started, picked up a script, tore out two pages and said:

"Okay, now we're on schedule." Andy said they completed the film minus the two pages.

## Variety From NBC

Top stars of radio, stage and screen will provide entertainment on Christmas Day during a special two-hour variety show, Two Hours of Stars, over NBC with starting time at 1 p.m.

Don Ameche will again be heard as emcee, with Bob Hope adding his humor, Ozzie and Harriet in one of their hilarious skits, Jo Stafford featuring her renditions of popular songs, The Comedy of Cass Daley, Danny Thomas and Edgar Bergen who will try to hold Charlie in check as the wooden rogue trades insults with all comers in the star studded cast.

Added to the fare will be the zany music of Red Ingle and his Natural Seven, Al Jolson's renditions of old and new tunes, while in a more serious vein there will be songs by operatic star Lauritz Melchior, and 16-year-old violinist Sandra Berkova.

Please check radio schedule for times and stations.



Don Ameche



Bob Hope



Ozzie and Harriet



Jo Stafford Cass Daley

"Any Number Can Play." Clark Gable's next at M-G-M, will bring back the rough, tough, dame-happy Gable of the Jean Harlow era. Mervyn LeRoy will direct. Every time Gable and LeRoy work together I remember Mervyn trying to sell Gable to Warner Brothers and Warners turning him down because they said his ears were too big.

To which LeRoy said: "I could make money just releasing his ears."

## CBS Adds To Yule Tide Spirit



Gene Autry

John Nesbitt

Danny Kaye

Hedda Hopper

Lionel Barrymore as "Scrooge"



The Andrews Sisters

Burns and Allen

Adding another gay wreath to the tradition of special Christmas Day programs CBS presents its Christmas Festival at 1 p.m. with cowboy star Gene Autry as host, Lionel Barrymore in his celebrated interpretation of Dickens' "Christmas Carol," the comedy of Danny Kaye, Sweeney and March, Burns and Allen, the songs of the Andrews Sisters, a story by John Nesbitt, movie news by columnist Hedda Hopper and many more top-light personalities.

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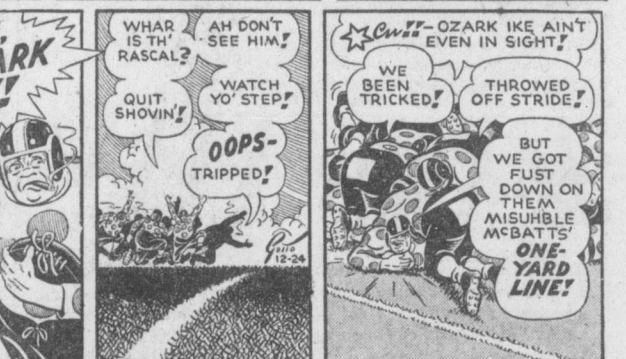
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